WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh easterly to southerly winds; unsettled, with rain.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds; unsettled, with rain.

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CITY IS WARNED BY BOND HOUSE

A. E. Ames & Co. Telegraphs Reduction in Improvement Tax Would Affect Market for Victoria's Bonds

MAYOR REPLIES THAT CUT IS NOT LIKELY

Past Experience Shows That Adjustment Should Be Up and Not Down, Claims the Toronto Firm

THE removal or reduction of the tax on improvements in Victoria would have a serious effect upon the market for the city's securities, Mayor Hayward has been informed in a telegram from A. E. Ames & Company, of Toronto, one of the leading bond houses of the Dominion.

In view of the fact that the city will be making large flotations of bonds next year this warning is one of importance. The telegram received from the Toronto firm states, it is understood, that it has been suggested that the city of Victoria revert gradually to the plan of tax on land alone. The city's own experience and that of other municipalities which formerly adopted single tax as a basis during the past ten years does not appear to justify such a move, continues the message. On the contrary, the firm believes the past points to the advisability of increasing rather than decreasing the improvement levy, "particularly in view of the city's difficulties in balancing its budget."

The firm states that it feels very strongly that any action to reduce the improvement tax would be a backward move and would have a very bad effect on the market for the city's securities. The telegram concludes by trusting that the move is not seriously proposed.

Mayor Replies

Upon receiving the wire from Toronto, Mayor Hayward replied:

"In reply to your telegram of this date re possibility of Victoria reverting to non-taxation of improvements or possibility of reducing the percentage now imposed, I feel that I am on safe ground in saying that the city will not make the error of reverting to single tax or reducing the present improvement levy percentage."

The question of a reduction in the improvement tax is looked upon as one of the most important facing the 1924 Council at the beginning of the year. Those members of the Council who are opposed to such a move claim that it would be a very serious matter for the city and would increase the reversions of land. The indications are that the improvement levy will remain as it is.

Rotarians Can Use Big Relief Fund in Helping Children

THE citizen who does not rub shoulders with poverty has been inclined to doubt the necessity of a relief fund as large as that of former years, but the committee in charge of the Rotary Club Fund reports that the number of cases of distress already brought to their attention is proving a revelation.

At the Rotary Club offices, 1006 Broad Street, every mail brings its quota of applicants for relief, and it also brings contributions from those who have not found it in their hearts to deny the appeal of Victoria's underprivileged children.

Because this is primarily an appeal for the children, the Rotary Club members feel that no direct canvass for funds is necessary. From the generous response of former years they know that people will go out of their way to make donations. This fact is becoming more noticeable every day at The Colonist and Times offices. Citizens in all walks of life come in and say "Here's something for the Rotary Club fund." The "something" may be a bill from a fat wallet or it may be a piece of silver from a scanty purse, but in either case it is a voluntary contribution, and every cent of it goes to make glad the hearts and warm the bodies of the most needy children.

Additional contributions received are as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$1,321.25
L. A.	2.00
S. A. Crokinole	5.00
W.	5.00
A. M. Kirk	5.00
Miss Herbert	2.00
Alfred Carmichael and family	5.00
A. S.	5.00
Marguerite and Betty Scott	2.00
R. Hayward	5.00
A Friend	5.00
Ketchup	1.00
Friend	1.00
Two Bally Boys	5.00
Miss Mars	2.50
A Friend	5.00
Baby Nadine	1.00
Muriel and Alec	2.00
Robert Dunn, jr.	2.00
A Well-Wisher	1.00
Friend	5.00
L. S. T.	1.00
Robert B. Elworthy	2.00
W. B.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. Blundell	5.00
Jas. S. McMillan	2.00
C. S. Gonnason	10.00
No Name	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Sandy Cochrane	1.00
C. F.	25.00
M. N.	.50
A Friend	2.00
	$1,440.25

Ottawa Government In Minority When Opposition Unites

Conservative Victory in Kent County By-Election Yesterday Places Liberal Party Four Less Than Combined Opponents—News of Result Causes Disappointment at Capital

DOUCETTE'S VICTORY SHOWS CHANGE-OVER OF 1700 VOTES

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., Dec. 20.—Alexandre Doucette, Conservative, was today returned by the electors of Kent County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. T. Leger, Liberal, defeating his Liberal opponent, Alfred Bourgeois, by 200 votes. Doucette's victory involved the overcoming of an adverse majority of 1,530, a change-over of approximately 1,700 votes in a total vote of 7,500. While Doucette led throughout on the returns as they were received, the issue was still in doubt until the last. The missing poll, Lake Stream, gave Doucette a majority of one with a total vote of ten in the election of 1921.

Ottawa Disappointed

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The result in the Kent by-election, especially coming so soon after the Liberal defeat in Halifax, will be received in government circles with unquestioned disappointment.

In the Halifax contest the Conservative victory was attributed to local issues and to differences among Liberals themselves. Maritime issues—such as railway extensions and freight rates—are reported again to have entered largely into the contest. But the two government defeats, taken together, are likely to exercise a much wider influence on the course of political events than on questions affecting the Maritime Provinces more particularly.

Only a few days ago Robert Forke, Progressive leader, declared a general election in the coming Summer to be a possibility if the government lost in Kent, and the result will, no doubt, give rise to much speculation whether the government, following adoption of redistribution in the coming session, is not likely to make an appeal to the polls.

Technical Minority

Unless there are changes in the interval, the government will now meet parliament with a technical minority of four, if Progressives, Conservatives, Independents and Labor are counted together as a joint opposition. On this basis the House divides:

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MR. J. W. EGAN

Canadian Deputy Minister of Immigration, who has been congratulated upon his new post by the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa, where he was formerly Trade Commissioner. During his residence there he was made an honorary member of the Association, as well as of two civic Chambers of Commerce.

INSISTS ON JURY TO TRY BANKERS

ATTORNEY-GENERAL TAKES ACTION AS TO HOME BANK

Additional Charges to Be Laid Before Grand Jury Without Police Court Hearing

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Attorney-General Nickle has decided to insist that the ten Home Bank directors and officials be tried by a jury at the next assizes on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. The assizes begin on January 14. Announcement to this effect was made tonight following a conference between Mr. Nickle and D. L. McCarty, special prosecutor for the Government. The Attorney-General will act under power given him by Section 825 of the Criminal code.

In explaining his action, Mr. Nickle pointed out that when a person was liable for a sentence longer than five years, it was within his right as Attorney-General to require that the trial be before a jury. Today Mr.

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MORE HOPEFUL OF AFGHAN AFFAIRS

EMIR'S FORCES ACTIVELY PURSUING ACCUSED HILLMEN

No Present Intention of Aggressive British Action Pending Results of Native Expedition

LONDON, Dec. 20.—There is no fresh news with regard to the position of affairs in Afghanistan, Reuter's states, nor is it known for the moment, where the Afghan forces are. The troops immediately engaged in the direction of Jalalabad number 1,100, together with artillery and transport.

The situation is not viewed with alarm in official quarters. In fact a more hopeful view is taken now than has been the case recently, and the position at present is one of "wait and see."

It is thought that the Afghans will take immediate action to bring the murderers of the British officers to justice. If not, it may be necessary to decide what further pressure may be needed there. There is no question of all of any aggressive British action, although the British will employ such means as they have at hand if their

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POSTOFFICE NOW DELUGED BY MAIL

Unusually Large Number of Delivery Wagons Already Required for Parcel Post—Heavy Mails for California Indicate Whereabouts of Many Victorians—Holly Shipments Greatly Increased This Year—Appeal to Public to Post Early

IT seems almost incredible that it is only eleven years since the parcel post came into existence. What the penny post was to letter-writers the parcel post is to parcel-senders. It has required no advertising to make it popular, as a peep behind the partition of the Victoria General Post Office at the present time will show.

In half a dozen places mountainous piles of paper-wrapped packages are found, growing, diminishing, according to the source and destination of the parcel. Normally, on any day of the year there are only two of the Post Office carriers delivering parcels in wagons. At the present time twelve men are required and they work probably as few men could work, not only adaptly (for they are specially-picked carriers) but with an amount of physical exertion which can hardly be conceived by anyone who has not tried the nervous experiment of jumping in and out of a wagon and running up and down steps and stairs and garden-paths a hundred times a day. Smaller parcels are entrusted to the regular mail-carriers. Their responsibilities are infinitely increased at this time of the year. Little wonder that "Postie" is popular!

There will be another parcel-post from England today or Saturday. The Christmas mail made itself felt much earlier than usual this year, and at the beginning of the week eight or nine extra delivery wagons were taken on to cope with the rush. But every department is feeling the pressure already, which shows, the Post Office officials say, that people are waking up to the idea and advisability of getting their Christmas mail away early.

Some Indications

One hundred and thirty bags of English parcel post were handled last Saturday, considerably heavier than usual for ten days before Christmas. This is for distribution here. But the Post Office staff had to bear the brunt of an additional shipment of 500 parcels from China and Japan, together with 300 bags of mail. This is all extra, and does not take into consideration the work of handling the local mails, which are already showing the Christmas influence.

Mailings for California this year are extraordinarily heavy. This is a commentary on the big exodus of Victorians to the Southern state during the last twelve months. It is reported that 22,000 parcels went out to California in a single day this week. Packages of holly are conspicuous among the great piles of outgoing parcel post in the local office, and the officials state that each year finds an increasingly heavy shipment of the berried souvenir of Victoria's "green" Winter.

The Empress Hotel has been responsible for quite an addition to the holly mailings, having sent off about one thousand little packages to guests of the hotel during the year who have left addresses.

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HUGE MILL WILL RISE ON OLD SITE

Largest Lumber Plant in Province Will Be Constructed at Chemainus, Replacing One Destroyed by Fire

MR. E. J. PALMER TO RESIGN MEMBERSHIP

Veteran Head of Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Will Be Succeeded by Son of Weyerhaeuser Chief

WITHIN a year there will probably be located at Chemainus, on Vancouver Island, the largest sawmill and wood manufacturing establishment in British Columbia.

Mr. E. J. Palmer, the vice-president and general manager of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, has received instructions from his directors to proceed at once with the plans in connection with the undertaking and submit these for approval.

It seems practically assured that the big works contemplated some time ago are now to be built. With this announcement comes the further one that, while he is to retain the vice-presidency and will take a live interest in the undertaking, Mr. Palmer himself will relinquish the active management of the plant with which he has been identified ever since it opened, thirty-four years ago.

The retirement of Mr. Palmer will mean no cessation of the active interest he has always taken in this undertaking, but it will relieve him from an immense amount of detail work in connection with the management. The step is taken at his own request, and he said yesterday: "I think I have earned a little rest after thirty-four years of hard 'slogging.'"

Will Live Here

Mr. Palmer will, he expects, take up his residence in Victoria, where he has such a wide circle of friends. He will continue to have no small share of responsibility in connection with the undertaking with which he is so thoroughly in touch.

The new mill, if the general plans agreed upon are adhered to—and this is practically assured—will have a capacity of one hundred million feet a year, the largest of any mill in the Province. It will be equipped with the very latest machinery obtainable, and will be planned so as to operate with a maximum of economy. Machinery will in scores of places take the place of men, and the work will proceed automatically.

Mr. Palmer, who was in the city yesterday, was asked by a Colonist reporter where the machinery would be obtained. He pointed out that, while in the matter of the actual sawmill machinery it would be necessary to obtain it in the United States and Canada, for the most part the expensive electrical machinery that will represent a large part of the cost would be very largely bought in the Old Country.

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CUSTOMS REVENUE SHOWS BIG GROWTH

LIQUOR WAREHOUSE FIRE LAST FALL CUTS INCREASE

Since First of Last April Victoria Department Has Shown Gain Except in Three Months

Notwithstanding the big fire last Fall which partially destroyed the Government Liquor Warehouse, corner of Fort and Wharf Streets, and which in consequence curtailed liquor imports through Victoria, revenue obtained by the Victoria Customs Office for 1923, from April to the twentieth of this month, was $97,477.79 greater than for the same period in 1922.

For eight months and twenty days in 1922, total revenue was $1,969,445.70, compared to $2,066,923.49 for a corresponding period this year.

Each month shows a substantial increase with the exception of September, October and November.

Following are the figures by months:

	1922	1923
April	$160,874.52	$253,988.83
May	188,739.01	241,660.06
June	233,938.86	245,429.61
July	213,676.82	253,405.30
August	218,576.22	293,705.70
September	199,377.48	180,638.34
October	263,772.25	169,751.83
November	259,106.29	187,587.61
December to 20th	231,384.25	240,756.21
Totals	$1,969,445.70	$2,066,923.49

Increase—$97,477.79.

Modernists Score Technical Victory In Religious Contest

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Modernists scored a technical victory over their conservative opponents tonight when Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of West Side Unitarian Church, was awarded the judges' decision over Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, in a public debate on the question "Resolved, the Bible is the infallible word of God." Rev. Mr. Potter upheld the negative.

GRABSKI LEADS GRABBERS

WARSAW, Dec. 20. — Ladislaw Grabski has succeeded in forming a cabinet to replace that headed by Vincent Vitos, which recently resigned. Premier Grabski is also minister of finance in the new government.

SOVIET EXPOSE STIRS SENATE

Republican Floor Leader Promises Sweeping Investigation Into Entire Russian Question by Foreign Committee

SECRETARY HUGHES HAS ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION

Has Been Collecting Evidence in Conjunction With Department of Justice That Will Prove Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The State Department's charges of revolutionary Soviet propaganda in the United States startled diplomatic circles here today, launched the new Senate upon its first debate over foreign affairs, and resulted in a promise of further disclosures that will bring the whole problem of Russia once more into review before the American public.

Senators who repeatedly have urged formal recognition of the Soviet regime in Russia started the Senate debate by assailing Secretary Hughes' disclosures of Soviet "instructions" for a movement designed to raise the red flag over the White House.

Charge No Proofs

Both Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, and Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, openly charged that there was no proof of such activities, and although no general reply came from administration quarters, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican floor leader, announced that a sweeping inquiry into the entire Russian question would be undertaken by the Foreign Relations Committee.

At the same time it was disclosed that the State Department had additional ammunition in reserve for the expected battle over recognition. In co-operation with the Department of Justice, Secretary Hughes has been collecting evidence that he believes will establish beyond doubt the direct responsibility of Moscow for a well defined movement to undermine the government of the United States.

DENY FERNANDEZ WAS APPROACHED

DRUG INQUIRY EVIDENCE REFUTED BY HON. MR. MANSON

Idea of Securing Statement From Fernandez Never Considered by Attorney-General

Flat contradiction of the evidence of Frank Fernandez at yesterday's session of the Mounted Police drug investigation at Vancouver that he had been approached by Mr. H. Langley, of the Attorney-General's Department, and urged to make a statement for the Attorney-General in his own interest, was given here last night by both Mr. Langley and Attorney-General Manson.

Fernandez' story that Mr. Langley had met him, telling him that he had been told by the Attorney-General to advise Fernandez that if he had any statement to make he had best make it at once, was denied absolutely by Mr. Langley.

"If Mr. Langley denies it, that should be enough," said Hon. Mr. Manson. "I don't think the word of a man like Fernandez will be taken by anyone against that of Mr. Langley."

The Attorney-General said that he had given Mr. Langley no instructions whatever to get in touch with Fernandez. No such idea had ever been given the slightest consideration by him.

VOTE TWO MILLIONS FOR IRON BOUNTIES

Legislature Puts Through Bill Aiming at Encouragement of Steel Industry in This Province—Hon. William Sloan Predicts New Extraction Process Will Be in Operation Here Within Year

Says Promoters Cannot Stampede Government

TWO million dollars was voted by the Legislature yesterday to be used for bounties on pig iron produced in British Columbia. Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, in presenting the bill, declared that the government refused to be stampeded into bond guarantees without adequate assurance of the responsibility of those making proposals to that end.

The Minister stated that all natural conditions in reference to raw material, coal, power, etc., were favorable for the establishment of an iron and steel industry in the Province. He expressed confidence that within the near future such an industry would be operating in British Columbia. He stated that one of the big coal companies of the Province was going into the question on its own, that this company had ample capital, and asked no bond guarantee, it was favorable to the bounty proposals, however.

Ask Ottawa for Same Sum

The bill moved by the Minister provides for $2,000,000 in bounties in a five-year period, and his resolution asks the Federal Government to make similar provision. Mr. Sloan stated that British Columbia had contributed its share towards the $12,000,000 distributed in bounties to establish the iron and steel industry in Nova Scotia, and he had been assured by Hon. W. S. Fielding that the Dominion was favorably disposed towards rendering similar aid to British Columbia.

Both bill and resolution carried unanimously.

After referring to the Iron Bounties Act of 1918, and the iron resources survey being carried out by Dr. G. A. Young, of the Geological Survey, Hon. Mr. Sloan declared:

"I would be neglecting my duty if I were not to use this opportunity to say that I am determined that the popular demand shall not be used by promoters for exploitation of the industry, by means of water stock, or in any other respect. As far as the Government is concerned, the possibilities of this industry are being weighed only from the standpoint of business, and no particular proposal will be given special treatment that cannot stand close appraisal from that point of view. The support and encouragement we are prepared to offer are being granted because we are convinced that it will pay the Province many times over, what the

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BRITISH POET LAUREATE

Robert Bridges, nearly eighty, the British poet laureate, who has been "loaned" to the University of Michigan as a guest professor for a year.

President Grant Delayed; Causes Worry in Orient

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—The liner President Grant, due in Yokohama Tuesday from Victoria, B. C., arrived in Yokohama this morning, it was reported from that port. The whereabouts of the vessel had caused some worry among port officials. It was said the delay was due to heavy seas.

During the storm the cargo of the vessel shifted, but no damage was caused to the ship.

EXPERT COMMISSION NEARLY ORGANIZED

Proposed Investigation Into Germany's Capacity to Pay Will Shortly Commence

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The reparations commission may be able to issue invitations tomorrow to the persons selected to serve on the international expert committees which are to investigate Germany's financial situation and her resources abroad.

It was learned today that the British members would be Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England; Sir Josiah Stamp, economic and statistical authority, and Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The third American delegate to serve with General Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young has not yet been announced here, but if the selection is delayed, invitations will be issued to the other two along with the British, French, Belgian and Italian appointees.

HOUSE PROROGUES ON DARKEST DAY

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR PERFORMS CEREMONY TODAY

Mr. Bowser's Efforts to Kill Personal Property Tax Features Last Working Session

The Legislature concluded its labors for 1923 at 5:30 o'clock yesterday, and will be formally prorogued by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at 11 o'clock this morning, Friday, December 21, the darkest day of the year.

Neither Government nor Opposition was willing to admit last night that there was anything more than a coincidence to this fact, however, and both parties were in jubilant mood with their accomplishments of the session.

Weary, haggard ministers jammed on all pressure yesterday to get clear of the business of the House, while equally weary oppositionists tried their utmost to keep pace with the progress of events. Several divisions were called during the day on report and third reading. Mr. W. J. Bowser renewing his effort to remove the personal property tax from the statute books, only to be defeated once more by 23 to 19.

There are still a few items of unfinished business on the order paper, such as Mr. Tom Uphill's banking resolution, and Mr. R. H. Neelands' sanipractic bill, but there is an apparent understanding that these are to die on the orders. The amount of business left in the air this session is, however, far below the average, points of order and divisions having been utilized throughout the session to deal with issues to which the Government was opposed.

MAIN POINTS OF BY-LAW GIVEN

Statement Issued by Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee—No Secret Agreements—Cost to Be Not Less Than $200,000—Prices Charged Must Be Popular—Council Must Approve Plans—Gardens, Lawns and Shrubberies About Amusement Centre

THE principal features of the Amusement Centre By-Law, which will go before the ratepayers a week from tomorrow, are outlined in a concise statement issued yesterday by the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee, which reads as follows:

"The by-law, as printed in the daily press, contains the whole of the agreement between the city and the C.P.R. with regard to the building and operation of the Amusement Centre. There are no secret agreements.

"The city is to lease to the C.P.R. for twenty years, at $1 per annum, Lots 1270 A and 1270 B, known as the Stadium site, about two acres. This site is almost worthless for ordinary buildings owing to the prohibitive expense of foundations. The Empress foundations alone, for instance, cost $100,000, far more than the cost of buying an ordinary site and placing foundations.

"The C.P.R. agrees to complete before December 1, 1925, an amusement centre to cost not less than $200,000. The plans have to be agreed to by the City Council. (In all probability the centre will be ready for the Summer of 1925, barely eighteen months from now.)

What the C.P.R. Offers

"The C.P.R. contracts to provide:

"(a) A swimming pool of warm salt water. Its proposed size is 150 feet by 40 feet, larger than anything in Canada. Water will be taken from the sea off Beacon Hill. The whole cost of pumping plant and mains is to be borne by the C.P.R., although the City Engineer has the power to direct where the mains are to be laid. The C.P.R. is to indemnify the city for any damage now or in the future.

"(b) Winter garden and promenades. The plans show that the interior will be a great palace of flowers and shrubs, the color effects of which will be wonderful.

"(c) Gymnasium.

"(d) Gardens, lawns and shrubberies outside the building. The beauty of the Empress gardens shows what the C.P.R. can make of the grounds. It is proposed to remove the fences between the Empress and the Stadium with a view to creating the effect of one great garden.

"The C.P.R. has to rebuild in the event of destruction by fire. It has also at all times to keep the building in a good and substantial state of repair.

For Twenty Years

"The C.P.R. has to operate the centre continuously for the whole period of twenty years, whether the venture is profitable or not. This

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SENDS MESSAGE OF CHEER FROM ARCTIC

Captain MacMillan, From Near Pole, Tells of Enjoyments Secured by Radio's Means

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Frozen fast in the ice, eleven and a half degrees from the north pole, the Arctic expedition of Captain Donald McMillan has been listening to radio programmes broadcasted from all parts of Canada, the United States and Europe, according to a radio message received from the explorer and made public today by the Aerial League of America. The message says in part: "Here at the top of the world in the darkness of the great Arctic nights, isolated as we are from even the outposts of civilization, radio has conquered solitude, banished anxiety over the welfare of friends and relatives at home. It has removed monotony during necessarily inactive periods."

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POPE PIUS HOLDS SECRET CONSISTORY

Allocution States World Conditions Have Not Changed for Better During Year

ROME, Dec. 20.—Pope Pius at a secret consistory today created two Italian cardinals. They are Evaristo Lucidi, papal auditor, and Monsignor Aurelio Galli, Director-General of the Vatican Museum.

In his allocution delivered at the consistory, the Pope pointed out that peace conditions in Europe had not changed for the better since his last consistory. He recalled the recent visit of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, of Spain, and announced that the Irish question was approaching a settlement.

The Pope began by recalling the "atrocious and sacrilegious crime," the murder of Cardinal Jean Romeo, Archbishop of Saragossa, on June 4 last, an event which he said, caused him and all good people profound grief and sadness.

Conditions abroad, especially as far as peace is concerned, the pontiff asserted, "unfortunately have not changed for the better."

DOUBTS FAITH OF LLOYD GEORGE DENIAL

Morning Post Maintains Probability of Former Premier's Intentions as to Protection

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Despite Lloyd George's stigmatizing as a pure invention the statement that he came back from Canada and the United States prepared to wave the protection banner, The Morning Post remains a doubting Thomas.

A cabinet minister, The Post says, first gave currency to the assertion and remained unrebuked. Lloyd George's own organ, The Daily Chronicle, emphatically approves the preference resolutions of the Imperial Conference. The Post continues, and Lloyd George's friend, Lord Beaverbrook, with whom he secretly took counsel immediately on landing, was evidently uncertain if Lloyd George would declare for protection or free trade.

"If all the time he was fixed as a polar star," says The Post, "there can be only one explanation of his hurried and furtive meeting at Lord Beaverbrook's place with such convinced tariffites as Lord Birkenhead and Austen Chamberlain. Lloyd George must have sought to convert them from the heresies in which they had been associated with him in the coalition government."

TEN MILLIONS IN SPITE OF LEAN YEARS

Estimate of Late Sir W. Mackenzie's Estate Reveals Satisfactory Balance

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The Evening Telegram today publishes the following:

"The will of the late Sir W. Mackenzie is not yet ready for probate. The inventory will cover assets on various islands and continents. The best estimate that can be made at present indicates that the minimum value of the estate will not fall below $10,000,000 and may rise as high as fifteen or sixteen million dollars.

"The will bequeaths $5,000 to each of the eighteen grandchildren of the late Sir William Mackenzie. There are other minor bequests. The realization of assets will give the son of Sir William Mackenzie and each of the daughters of Sir William Mackenzie from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000 each. The chief heirs named in the will are: Joseph Mackenzie, son; Mrs. Scott-Griffin, daughter; Mrs. Frank McCarthy, daughter; Mrs. Cyril Andrews, daughter; Mrs. William Beardmore, daughter; Countess de Lesseps, daughter; Mrs. Adams, daughter.

"The realization of the estate provides for a distribution of one million, five hundred thousand dollars to each of seven heirs.

"The Province of Ontario would collect $1,050,000 on the Mackenzie estate from the seven principal heirs."

Belgians Acquire Much Vernon Land

VERNON, B. C., Dec. 20.—Extensive holdings of land in this district, owned by the Land and Agricultural Company of Canada, have been bought for Belgian principals by a syndicate of Winnipeg men, according to George Heggie, the company's manager, who has returned from Winnipeg, where he went in connection with the transfer of the land, which totals thousands of acres of mixed farming lands in the North Okanagan Valley.

THE SKELETON IN THE CUPBOARD

Conservative, Liberal and Labor Parties (together): "Oh! no, we never mention it." (Reduced taxation, the one thing likely to secure unanimous support in Britain, has been raised by none of the parties.)

—From London Opinion.

TREATING WOULD BE ALL RIGHT ON THIS CONTENTION

A new interpretation of the Government Liquor Act, not to say a new terror of judicial life, was proposed in the police court yesterday, when Mr. H. C. Hall, K. C., asked Magistrate Jay to dismiss the beer-selling charge against the Loyal Club, Yates Street, on the ground that the evidence did not disclose sale to the specific person mentioned in the information.

The charge, which arose out of evidence given by a boy recently tried in the Juvenile Court, where he swore he got beer in the club, was that the club sold beer to the boy. Giving evidence against the club last Tuesday, the boy testified that he was taken into the club by a member, who bought him a bottle of beer.

Mr. Hall argued that there was no case to meet, since the evidence had disclosed no sale within the meaning of the statute. City Prosecutor Harrison said that it did not matter who paid for the beer. It was paid for, and the boy was given the beer; and that was a sale to the boy, and an offence under the act.

"It is a neat point, and I think it is a new one," commented Magistrate Jay. "I must take time to consider it." The trial was adjourned until next Monday.

BRITISH RECOGNITION OF SOVIET NEARING

Alleged Retirement of Baldwin Will Mark the Opening of Full Trade Relations

LONDON, Dec. 20.—While the United States rebuff to the Soviet Government is attracting great attention here, The Westminster Gazette announces that British recognition of Russia and the reopening of full trade relations with that country are likely to take place soon after the Baldwin Ministry quits office. Important negotiations which have been in progress, says the newspaper, have made it clear that the Moscow Government will admit liability for the pre-war Russian debt to Great Britain of £655,000,000, the interest on which has not been paid since 1918.

In return, The Westminster Gazette asserts, Russia will ask compensation for the Allied support accorded the White forces after the revolution.

The newspaper's diplomatic correspondent, who contributes this information, says that when the claim against Great Britain for her share in the White operations has been satisfied, there will still remain a considerable sum for British bondholders; there is, however, little prospect of the resumption of interest payments.

Russia, according to the writer, will not enter into any engagements she cannot fulfill, and as her first requirement is credit, she demands such assistance as a preliminary to any agreement. The correspondent believes the next British administration will be prepared to take some risks in granting credits to facilitate trade and to assist the recovery of Russian finances.

Mild Weather Bad For Lumbermen

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 20.—The unusually mild weather prevailing in the district is causing considerable uneasiness in the lumbering industry. The woods are practically devoid of snow and large numbers of horses are being fed at the Winter camps and have not yet had a day's work. One lumberman has had forty-five head in the woods for two weeks without a tap of Winter hauling being done. A continued mild spell will undoubtedly cause considerable loss to smaller operators, while absence of snow all Winter would ruin many, large and small, as no wood could be moved without prohibitive expense.

Captain O'Connor Buried

GANANOQUE, Dec. 20.—Captain Thomas S. O'Connor, secretary to President Daly, of the defunct Home Bank, who died suddenly in Toronto on Monday, was buried here yesterday with military honors.

CLAIMS CONTENTION IS UNDEMOCRATIC

Premiers Smuts and Massey Challenged as to Conference Agreement Being Binding

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A writer in The Times, with reference to Premier Baldwin's preference policy, challenges as revolutionary and undemocratic the doctrine enunciated by Premier W. F. Massey, of New Zealand, and apparently held by Premier Smuts, of South Africa, that the Imperial government gives undertakings at the Imperial Conference which bind the British people. He says he cannot conceive of Canada and Australia sending delegates to the conference on the understanding that whatever the delegates accept would bind these Dominions.

This is a new theory, according to The Times correspondent, that contradicts the whole history of the Imperial Conference. He contends that the government which concurs in a conference recommendation undertakes, at the most, no more than the obligation to submit it to parliament.

BRINGS DISMAY TO BRITISH HUNTERS

Drastic Orders as to Packs Issued to Prevent Spread of Foot and Mouth Disease

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The rapid spread of the foot and mouth disease among cattle in this country has induced the Ministry of Agriculture to make a drastic order that will bring dismay to thousands of sport-loving Britons. It is nothing less than the absolute prohibition of the hunting with dogs throughout the area affected by the plague, the assumption being that the disease may be spread by dogs.

As the order comes at the very height of the British hunting season, and is of the widest application, it will deprive thousands of persons of their cherished Winter sports and will throw many people out of work.

The Prince of Wales, because of the order, has cancelled his arrangements in the Midlands, planning to hunt in the southern counties, which are free from the plague.

Nearly 89,000 domestic animals have been slaughtered in an effort to stop the spread of the disease.

Horatio Bottomley Again In Limelight

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A big mass of papers in connection with the affairs of Horatio Bottomley, former editor of John Bull and former M.P., who is now serving a seven-year term in prison for fraud, has been found in a basement in a Piccadilly block. The receiver of the Bottomley estate, however, tells eager inquirers not to be sanguine that the discovery of the papers means an addition to the Bottomley assets. Cheques are now being sent to the creditors of Bottomley, who was declared a bankrupt some time ago, for three pence in the pound. Many of the creditors comprise people who were depositors of one pound only in Bottomley's Victory Bond Clubs. Cheques for these involve the expense of two pence per cheque and a statement for three half-pence postage.

Teacher's Sudden Death

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 20.—Taken suddenly ill while teaching her class in school yesterday, Miss Elva McCanity died last night. Her death was caused by tumor of the brain, it is believed.

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NO EXEMPTION FOR INTERIOR PLANTS

Okanagan Members Try to Exempt Can and Box Factories From Operations of Eight-Hour Day

While the eight-hour bill was going through committee in the legislature yesterday morning, Mr. J. W. deB. Farris made evident the policy of the Government in the administration of the measure when he contended that the bill should be put through in a very stringent form and that any exemptions from the operation of the law should be a matter to be decided upon by the Board of Adjustment, which is to be appointed by the Government, and whose decisions come under review of the Lieutenant-Governor in council. The Attorney-General stated that the Board of Adjustment should be represented by the Deputy Minister of Labor, and a representative of Labor, and one of industry.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of South Okanagan, wanted the bill amended so as to exempt from the operations, box factories and vegetable and fruit canning factories. He pointed out that the Act was going to affect the cost of boxes by about ten per cent. Canning companies, he pointed out, had to be in a position to take care of fruit and soft vegetables as soon as they were received and in large quantities.

Mr. Tom Uphill wanted to know why the box factories could not get a stock made ahead and so avoid the necessity of exemption.

Dr. K. MacDonald contended that these factories would not come under the Act. If he thought that there was the least danger of them doing so he would support the amendment of the member for Similkameen.

Mr. McKenzie called attention to the fact that if the South Okanagan irrigated area was to be made worth anything, there would have to be a canning factory established in it. If there was no provision like this made for the exemption of such an undertaking, there would be all kinds of trouble in getting such an undertaking placed there.

Hon. Mr. Barrow: It is unthinkable to imagine the canning factories would not be exempt.

Mr. McKenzie: I notice that you had the dairy industry exempted.

Both amendments were voted down.

Mr. Sam Guthrie wanted to have steam heating plants brought under the operation of the Act.

Major R. Burde moved that the Act should come into effect July 24, 1924. He said that he was not very particular as to the exact date, but he wanted it to come into effect before the Legislature met again so that the defects of the measure could be studied in operation.

This was voted down, and Major Burde called for a division. It was explained that there was an attempt being made to get the business through so that some of the members might get away on the afternoon boat, and accordingly he reserved his demand for a division until the bill came up on report.

The Hanes amendment to the Public Inquiries amendment bill is still on the order paper, but it will probably suffer the same fate as the Neelands and Uphill proposals.

The Government measure to amend the Public Inquiries Act in respect to Royal Commissions, to provide that those demanding an investigation should be themselves subject to investigation to ascertain their motives and other particulars, passed its third reading several days ago.

MAIN POINTS OF BY-LAW GIVEN

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is an onerous clause to which no merchant would agree. The city agrees not to levy on the Empress Hotel licence fees greater than it now has the power to do, and not to levy any fees at all on the Amusement Centre as such, or the gymnasium or swimming pool, so long as other similar features in the city are exempt from licence fees.

"The city agrees to accept from the C.P.R. a fixed amount of $10,000 per annum in municipal taxes on the Empress Hotel, and the sum of $5,000 for water for the hotel and grounds, being within $1,100 of what Oak Bay, with a population of about 5,000, paid for water during 1922. The C.P.R. paid the city this year, on the whole of its property, the sum of $34,000 in taxes, making it the largest individual contributor. The passing of the by-law will make no reduction in this amount.

"The agreement states that residents and visitors to Victoria shall enjoy the benefits of the Centre at all reasonable times on payment of 'popular' fees.

"The C.P.R. is to spend all net profits if any (after paying six per cent on the investment) in improving the Centre. This provision is of great value to the city, as what she really wants is the finest possible amusement centre.

"Any dispute is subject to arbitration under the Arbitration Act."

These are the main points of the agreement. We ask every taxpayer to appreciate the tremendous value to the City of Victoria of the proposed Amusement Centre. It will be an industry in itself, for it will employ many people. It will be a constant source of enjoyment to residents. It will bring more people here and keep them longer, many of whom will, no doubt, become residents. All these will mean increased business. Its orchestra, picture galleries, and other artistic features will make Victoria a musical and art centre. It will afford splendid facilities for healthy indoor athletics.

STAFF OF ROYAL BANK ENTERTAINS GUESTS AT DANCE

Charming in every feature was the dance held last evening by the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. An exceptionally large number of guests was present and thoroughly enjoyed the delightful programme of dance music rendered by Zala's orchestra. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was continued until after 1 o'clock this morning. During the evening supper was served. Many novelty dances added to the pleasure of the guests, and the success of the dance reflects great credit on the work of the committee in charge of the affair, including Mr. A. D. May, chairman; Miss Gertrude Rolls, Miss Walker, Mr. Jack Patterson, Mr. Harold Steenson and Mr. A. J. Ross.

With the Lawmakers

Shops Regulation

Mr. J. B. Clearihue, on report on his bill to amend the Shops Regulation Act, got the section prohibiting the employment of boys for longer than forty-eight hours a week struck out of the bill. The other day, when the bill was up in the House he attempted this, but the House in committee refused to allow it, and the section was left in. Yesterday, by a vote of 21 to 17, he had the section struck out.

Tidewater Redress

The amendment to the Mechanics' Lien Act, introduced by Mr. Sam Guthrie, was defeated on its second reading yesterday morning. The bill was one that was intended to make it possible for the miners of the Tidewater Copper Company to get some redress from the operators of the property there. The bill had for its object the extending of the time for which a claim for wages might be made. Instead of limiting it to the preceding twenty-five days, it was proposed to make this sixty days. It was also proposed that the Act should be retroactive, applying as from the date of September 1, 1923. The Attorney-General took exception to the retroactive character of the measure. He pointed out that all members of the House would be against enacting such legislation.

Amusement Tax

Reduction of thirty per cent in the amusement tax was finally approved by the Legislature yesterday afternoon, no objection being offered by the Opposition to the Government's taxation legislation. Mr. W. J. Bowser, Conservative leader, regretted only that the reduction had not been larger than that decided upon by the Government.

Property Tax

The Conservative effort to have the personal property tax abolished failed, and the levy will be reduced fifty per cent, as originally planned by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance.

The House finally approved the Redistribution Bill, the bill providing for a tax on imported fuel oil, and amendments to the Game Act.

Local Beer Votes

When the third reading of the liquor plebiscite bill was moved yesterday, Attorney-General Manson read a telegram from Mr. W. W. Peck, secretary of the Prohibition Association, demanding that when local votes on beer are taken there be a similar vote on the continuance of the government liquor sold in such locality. Mr. Manson stated the message was based on a misapprehension, as the beer vote would be a general one all over the Province, and it would be inadvisable to have local votes on the liquor stores at the same time. He said that such local votes could be taken under the act any time there was demand for it. There was some question whether the plebiscite could be taken until the voters' list was revised under the redistribution bill, but members of the government assured the House this condition was amply safeguarded.

Mr. Pooley Wields Power

There comes a day when even one lone opposition member can hold a club over the government. Mr. R. H. Pooley wielded that power yesterday and Attorney-General Manson laughingly described him as an unruly member. Mr. Thomas Menzies had a bill to create a new judicial county in Comox before the House, and Mr. Speaker Pauline ruled it out of order. Premier Oliver endeavored to give the crown's consent, but the Speaker doubted that this was possible. Mr. Pooley, who had taken the point of order, said there was no use looking up the authorities as he would oppose the bill advancing more than one stage at a given sitting. As it requires unanimous consent to put a bill through more than one reading at a sitting, and as yesterday afternoon was expected to be the last sitting before the Governor comes down, the Premier and Attorney-General, who are trying to assist Mr. Menzies, gave up the game.

White Girls and Chinese

Mrs. M. E. Smith's bill to prohibit employment of white girls in Chinese restaurants and amusement places was amended by the House yesterday on motion of Attorney-General Manson so that Chinese are not specified, but so that the chief of police can proceed against any person employing a white girl in conditions which are not considered proper. Mr. Manson said that the Chinese Consul had objected to the reference to Chinese, and Mr. Hinchliffe urged that it was not right to prevent girls from working for respectable Chinamen and allow them to work for disreputable white men. Mr. H. C. Perry claimed it was not British to legislate against a nation which had no army and navy to enforce its views. Several members supported Mrs. Smith's bill, but the amendment carried.

INSISTS ON JURY TO TRY BANKERS

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Justice Middleton handed down a judgment at Osgoode Hall reversing the ruling given by Judge Coatsworth and holding that the directors and officials of the Home Bank are entitled to a mandatory order requiring the county judge without jury to try the conspiracy and other charges upon which they have been indicted. While the Attorney-General can insist on a jury trial for the conspiracy charges, in order that charges of making false returns may be brought before a jury, the Government will also appeal Justice Middleton's finding.

In writing to Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Nickle directs him to prefer against the defendants in the original conspiracy charge additional charges of conspiracy covering the years 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, under section 873 of the criminal code. These charges will be laid directly before the Grand Jury without any preliminary police court hearings.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Mr. Justice Middleton this morning granted a mandatory order transferring the prosecution of the ten directors and officials of the Home Bank of Canada from the assizes to the county judge's court. This means trial without jury.

His lordship remarked that the right of a defendant to trial by jury recently has been strongly asserted in England by the Court of Appeal. In his opinion, the right of the Crown to demand, and the obligations of the accused, to submit to trial by jury should be on the same high footing, for his only duty is to interpret the Acts of Parliament as they stand and to grant the defendants the right Parliament in its wisdom has given has given them. Trial by jury has recently been strongly reasserted in England.

Mr. Justice Middleton's decision follows that of November 16 by Judge Coatesworth, who held that the accused, being in custody for trial upon indictments preferred under provisions of section 875 of the Criminal Code and not by virtue of any commitment made by a magistrate, had no right to have a trial without a jury before a country judge.

Contending that they had the right, the defendants then moved for the mandamus granted today.

D. L. McCarthy, K.C., special prosecutor appointed by the Crown, will consult with Hon. W. F. Nickle, Provincial Attorney-General, before deciding whether Mr. Justice Middleton's decision will be appealed. The assizes are scheduled to open on January 14. It could not be ascertained this morning when the directors and officials of the Home Bank would appear before a county judge for a speedy trial.

Arrested Last August

The defendants were arrested in October as a result of the suspension of the bank in August and the case was heard in police court before Magistrate Jones. After several adjournments the case was transferred to the assizes, D. L. McCarthy, K.C., special counsel for the Crown, formally requesting that the trial on charges of conspiracy and of making false returns under the Bank Act be traversed to the January assizes.

The directors and officials, however, through their counsel strongly opposed this move and made determined attempts to have their case come before a county judge without a jury, finally making applications to Mr. Justice Middleton for a mandamus compelling a county judge to grant a speedy trial.

The directors and officials charged are: H. J. Daly, president; R. P. Gough, vice-president; S. C. Woods, F. M. Stewart, F. J. B. Russell, directors; E. A. Calvert, general manager; O. G. Smith, chief accountant; S. H. Jones, auditor, all of Toronto, and G. A. Barnard, K.C., and Lieut.-Col. Clarence Smith, directors, Montreal.

T. S. O'Connor, secretary to H. J. Daly, was arrested on Friday last as a material witness, but died Monday from a fractured skull.

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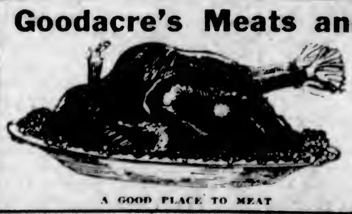

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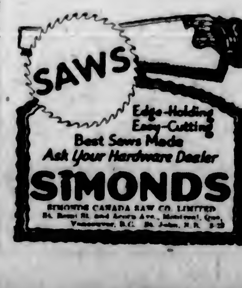

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Friday, December 21, 1923

AMUSEMENT CENTRE BY-LAW

The terms of the agreement to be entered into between the City of Victoria and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, out of which an amusement centre is to be developed on the stadium site to the rear of the Empress Hotel, are now before the public. The agreement is to be voted on in the form of a by-law to be submitted to the property owners on December 29. This method of securing an amusement centre is the culmination of a long campaign. The idea was proposed a number of years ago in this newspaper. Subsequently it was taken up by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and that committee has been active in discussing ways and means to bring the matter to fruition. During the present year the proposal was taken up with the Canadian Pacific Railway. The officials of that company were found in a receptive mood and as a result of negotiations, in the course of which the matter was viewed from all angles, an agreement was sanctioned by the City Council subject to the approval of the property owners. That agreement provides for an amusement centre, and while the initial expenditure is set at $200,000 the probabilities are that the C.P.R. will be prepared to spend a much larger sum, and without a doubt will maintain the proposed centre in the most up-to-date way, and add to its amusement features continuously.

The citizens have the opportunity of approving plans which will go a long way towards the beautification of Victoria in a centre where such beautification is sadly needed. The character of the building to be erected is pretentious and unusual in this quarter of the world. The Crystal Gardens, as the whole scheme of improvement is to be called, will be an organized addition to the city's facilities for amusements. The long wanted public swimming baths will be included, as well as convention and concert halls, with many added features. The grounds in which the building will stand are to be laid out and beautified so that the portion not occupied by the structure will be available as another open space for public recreation. In return for the concessions outlined in the agreement the C.P.R. undertakes to bear all the expense of the amusement centre, and we are prepared to admit that the only immediate hope of such an added attraction being made available lies in the citizens ratifying the by-law on December 29.

From a variety of standpoints it is far better that such a feature as an amusement centre should be undertaken by such a company as the C.P.R. rather than by the municipality itself. The company can spend what it wishes without being under the intermittent censure of any cliques of citizens. It has the organization to run such an undertaking in a business-like way. It will be in its interests to advertise the Crystal Gardens, and it has methods of publicity that no municipality can possess. The fact that the amusement centre is built, maintained and operated by the railway company will be an advertising factor of immense importance which will attract to it the widest possible attention. We feel certain, too, that the C.P.R. will take the utmost pride in the venture and will give far more than a quid pro quo for the concessions to be granted. These are the factors to be taken into consideration in voting on the by-law. The citizens want an amusement centre, and no more attractive proposal has ever been put forward in this municipality, and certainly no other which gives such certainty of being made an accomplished fact. Whatever can be done to lead the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to increase its already large investments in Victoria is good for the progress of the city.

A CONSERVATIVE WIN

The second Federal by-election within the course of a few weeks has resulted in another Conservative victory in the return of Mr. Alexandre Doucette for Kent County, New Brunswick. His victory meant a considerable turnover of votes, for a Liberal was elected in that constituency in the last general election by 1,530. Mr. Doucette's majority is approximately 200. While national issues, no doubt, played some part in the campaign, it was local ones in which the electors were principally concerned. The Conservative candidate made his fight chiefly on the Government's seeming indifference to the maritime rights of the Maritime Provinces. He also dwelt on the fact of the number of people who have been leaving New Brunswick to settle in the United States. The question of Canadian traffic passing through Canadian ports is a very live one in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and it is in these two Provinces that the Government has suffered reverses within the past few weeks.

The result in Kent County is another warning to the Mackenzie King Government that it has not succeeded in establishing itself in popularity in the country. Strictly speaking, the turnover in the latest by-election means that the Government is in a minority in the House of Commons, but that does not signify that its tenure of office is immediately threatened, inasmuch as in the majority of cases the Progressives are found voting with the Liberals. Its position, however, is so precarious that it will have to adopt compromise policies, and there is little doubt that at the coming session the Progressives will exert their influence and strategic position to secure further tariff reductions. A Government cannot be deaf to warnings such as are implied by the results of the latest by-elections. One or two more of such happenings might well be sufficient to precipitate a general election, for while the support of the Progressives may be relied upon by the Government up to a point, some issue will arise that will combine the viewpoints of the Conservatives and the Progressives, and involve the defeat of the Government in the House of Commons. Kent County's decision may herald a Federal election before the end of 1924.

PRISON REFORM

There are suggestions that can be of value to any nation contained in a report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons of Great Britain just published. It appears that very great advances have been made in the task of educating prisoners and weaning them away from a life of crime. The educational and recreative facilities of British prisons are interestingly described in the report. The object of these, it is emphasized, is not to make prisons pleasant but to construct a system of training such as will fit the prisoner to re-enter the world as a citizen. The first requisite of this is held to be greater activity of mind and body and the creation of habits of sustained industry. Longer hours of harder work are regarded as the first item on the programme. Next comes the removal of any features of unnecessary degradation in prison life, and the promotion of self respect. There is education on broad lines calculated to arouse some intelligent interest and to raise the mind out of a sordid circle of selfish broodings. Finally comes the endeavor to awaken some sense of personal responsibility by the gradual and cautious introduction of methods of limited trust.

Features introduced systematically into prison life in Great Britain are lectures, debates and concerts. The inmates are kept informed of the main current events by a weekly summary of news read by the governor or chaplain in every prison. Most of the reports testify to keen interest in the efforts towards improvement, but there are some prisons where the inmates show lack of intelligence and where but little can be done. The whole campaign is conducted on the basis of humanity and with the sole purpose of ameliorating prison conditions in the hope of eventual reform among a goodly percentage of the prisoners. Britain is well ahead in this type of work. No country has been quicker to introduce new features into prison life, and it is noteworthy that as these ameliorations grow the average period spent in prison is shorter, and, as well, the number of receptions on conviction, both absolutely and relatively to the population, is much lower than the average for the five years which ended 1913-1914, both as regards conviction on indictment and summary convictions.

INCOME TAX RETURNS

We are constrained to disagree wholly and absolutely with the Attorney-General in his defence of his action in divulging to the Legislature the amount of income tax assessed on an individual in the Province. Possibly there are no legal restrictions against such publicity, and in any case the Legislature is a privileged place where there is both liberty and licence of speech, but even in the Legislature there are certain things that are not done; certain things that there is an unwritten law against. What may be defended on sheerly technical and legal grounds is often immoral. Even a Legislature ought to have a code of ethics which it should guard jealously. According to the Attorney-General, anyone has a right to know what a citizen pays on income. In our ignorance—an ignorance which is shared by those who still retain such vestiges of self respect that they do not wish the trustees of the people to pillory the individual for the gratification of party passion by the publication of matter which is the result of information given in strict confidence—it seems to us that to put the mildest construction on what has been done is to call it a political and personal blunder. It was wholly uncalled for and lays the ethics of government open to reproach in the minds of individuals who believe that there are such things left as individual rights. We reiterate that the only effect of what has been done will be for the people to lose the good faith which they formerly reposed in the Government in its relations with the individual in such a matter as income tax, and the sense of confidence in other matters must also suffer a diminution.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

For all practical purposes it would have been just as well for the Province of British Columbia if the Legislature which has just closed a very turbulent session had met, passed the estimates and adjourned. The proceedings have been far from dignified and the profits accruing to the people are likely to be, to say the least, doubtful.

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The Government, for reasons that are past finding out, refused to take any measures for the protection of the timber resources of the Province from the onslaughts of raiders from the other side of the border. This, we may point out, is an issue that is creating a great deal of discussion in other parts of Canada. All the Eastern Provinces are interested. The actual facts of the situation have just dawned upon their perceptions. The policy of the timber operators and speculators of the United States has become too palpable to be ignored. But the interest of no Province in this momentous question is so vital as the interest of British Columbia.

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The attitude of the Government was vividly illustrated when attention was drawn to the fact that a Los Angeles concern was cutting timber on Graham Island, hauling it down to California, cutting it into lumber and exporting it not only to various parts of the world but actually to Eastern Canada.

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The Minister of Lands said nothing could be done to check this system of exploitation, because there were no mills in the Province engaged in manufacturing that sort of lumber. If the situation were reversed, if the timber were growing in California and Canadians were carrying it off, cutting and exporting it, how long would that sort of thing be permitted? If the timber could only be procured for export by cutting it on the ground, how long would it be before mills would be established for that purpose? If the only way in which any of the timber of the Province could be cut and sold at a profit were through the erection and operation of saw mills within the boundaries of the Province, how long would it be ere there would be saw mills in abundance?

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The Government, we observe, is deeply interested in the conservation of the wild game of the Province. Through the influence of the Game Conservation Board it is going to take measures for the preservation of fur-bearing animals. The capital value of this asset is said to be about two million dollars. We wonder what the capital value of our timber resources might be on a conservative estimate. And what about the capital value of the timber that is carried off and of the men and their families who are emigrating from British Columbia and finding employment in a foreign land in cutting that timber into lumber and preparing it for the market? From whatever point of view the matter may be regarded, we say the position of the Government is inexplicable. It is only explicable upon a certain hypothesis, and that hypothesis we hesitate to state for the present.

No one thought for a moment that any nation was particularly interested in what is known as the Great Southern Continent until Great Britain decided to annex it, if indeed she has decided to annex it. Anyway, France, which of late has become very ambitious, is vigorously protesting against the idea of annexation, and possibly the unwritten provisions of the Munroe Doctrine may rise up in judgment against it, although the Great Southern Continent is very remote from the American Continent.

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Possibly the German Government may also take occasion to lodge a protest against the alleged action of the grasping Briton, as we believe there is a headland or an island or something away down there that is geographically known as Kaiser Wilhelm II. Land; but perhaps the present German Government has sufficient business on its hands in hanging on to the territory in the immediate neighborhood of Germany proper.

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The resources of this little known and generally tightly frozen continent are said to be very great; but they are hard to pick up and apply to practical purposes. In that respect they resemble the rich natural products of the remote northern regions of Canada. But the world is progressive. Places that were difficult to reach a few years ago are more ready of access today. When a man can hop off on "the wings of the morning" and practically roost on the north or south pole at night, who shall set bounds to his possible achievements?

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Great Britain has colonized America, or the major part of it; she has taken a large portion of Africa for a possession, and she has set the seal of her civilization upon Asia, and none of those places can be said to be the worse for her enterprise. She must now seek new worlds for her adventurous sons to explore, so she has reserved a place for them in the frozen southern seas. We do not understand why France should raise objections to this legitimate ambition. She cannot supply sufficient population to fill her own territory and she is in mortal terror lest the prolific Teuton shall increase and multiply and grow in such overwhelming strength as to easily overcome her in the years to come. If she can maintain her present position in Europe and in Northern Africa she ought to be well satisfied.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of December 21, 1873)

Bear's Meat—Stafford & Goodacre, at their shop, corner of Johnson and Government Streets, will make the finest display of beef, veal, lamb, suckling pig, bear's meat, etc., ever seen in the city, and rivalling in excellence and arrangment the best London shops. The exhibition will be well worth seeing, and no Christmas table will be well furnished that has not upon it a roasting-piece from Stafford & Goodacre.

Co-operative—A public meeting will be held at the Alhambra Hall on Saturday afternoon next to consider the advisability of forming a co-operative association. Cowichan is considering the same thing.

A "Wild Man"—Jarvis' party of surveyors lost Summer, when near Cache Creek, missed one of their axemen, named Martin, an old Victorian, who had shown symptoms of insanity. His blankets were afterwards found near the head of Boston's Ditch. It is hoped that he will be found unharmed.

Poems That Endure

Unwisting all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony.
—John Milton.

LIFE! I KNOW NOT WHAT THOU ART

Life! I know not what thou art,
But know thou thou and I must part;
And when, or how, or where we met
I own to me's a secret yet.
Life! we've been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather,
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear—
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear—
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not Good Night—but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good Morning.
—A. L. Barrauld.

By the Way—

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No Night Life in Cape Town, South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA is known as a nation of tea drinkers—even more so than England. If one is living at a hotel, tea is brought to his room at 7 in the morning — just tea, nothing to eat. Then at 11 o'clock tea is served again. All the business houses have tea served to their employees at that hour, and in Cape Town one may see the carriers running along the street from the tea houses to the banks and other business buildings. The heads of firms go out to some tea room for their tea. At 4 o'clock tea is served again, as well as with the regular three meals each day, and then in the evening between 9 and 10 o'clock. Lemon with tea is unusual there. They serve milk and sugar; no cream, as cream is almost an unknown quantity and very expensive. There is no night life in Cape Town, and no cafes. Life is quiet and conservative, and if a party goes out after the theatre at night, they go to a tea room. They close at 11:30.

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Oak Bay High School

Sir,—I have read in this morning's Colonist an account of an interview with Mr. Hewlett, Reeve of Oak Bay, in which he is reported as having said, in connection with the new High School proposed by the Oak Bay School Board, that the Oak Bay Council does not endorse the Trustees' plans, that statements made to that effect at Friday night's meeting are entirely wrong.

Mr. Hewlett is also quoted as saying that at a joint meeting of the Council and School Board the Councillors realized the Trustees were confronted with a serious problem, and in view of that fact, the Councillors passed a resolution to the effect that they recognized the necessity for some further accommodation, but they did not endorse the plans that the Board now intends to present to the ratepayers.

The Oak Bay School Board have been subjected to a considerable amount of criticism from ratepayers and others, very largely due to a lack of knowledge of the requirements for the school population, or because of wrong information. Mr. Hewlett, however, is thoroughly acquainted with the facts, and cannot be excused for making the statement as reported.

At the time the School Board met the Council referred to, full detailed plans were laid before them, and the reasons given for the necessity of building a new high school, so they were quite aware of what they were doing. The following letter was received by the Board:

Oak Bay, B.C., Oct. 30, 1923.
The Board of School Trustees,
Oak Bay, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am directed by the Reeve to advise you that the Municipal Council unanimously adopted the following resolution at a meeting held yesterday:

"The Municipal Council, having heard the representations of the School Board in the matter, realizes that a new high School is necessary in Oak Bay."

Yours truly,
(Signed) R. F. Blandy, Clerk.

This letter does not refer to "some accommodation, but specifically to a new high school, it having been shown that the present high school is intended to give accommodation for the overplus from the Willows and Monterey Public Schools.

Mr. Hewlett states that an additional three mills on the school rate would not be sufficient, because the Trustees had neglected to take into consideration the cost of equipment and administration charges. I think, on the contrary, that the Trustees did not neglect anything, and the cost of equipment and administration was considered, but we will have so many pupils to take care of next September, and I cannot see where the cost of new desks and new teachers will be any less whether we put them in the basement or in a new building. We now have equipment for six high school rooms, which we propose to move to the new high school, if built; we must provide more desks and teachers as we find the attendance increases.

It is suggested that the Board evolve some other means to meet the situation temporarily, and we could do this by building temporary buildings at both Monterey and the High School, at a cost of $4,000 to $10,000, which would get us over our difficulties for one year. The Board considered this, and concluded that it would be economy to build a permanent structure which would take care of the needs of the Municipality for a number of years at a cost of less than $10,000 per year for interest and sinking fund.

Col. Young has written to The Colonist, his letter appearing last Sunday morning, and while I have no intention of arguing the several points he raises, as they are not connected with the need of further accommodation, I would like to show how foolish it is to rush into print about a subject that is not in the least understood. For instance, Col. Young says that the Trustees are proposing to clear away a lot of brush to give more playground, which may be followed by the building of a greenhouse. This was the first occasion the Trustees ever heard of either project, neither ever having been thought of, yet the next thing we know, the Trustees will be blamed for considering the expenditure of money for such foolish purposes.

W. E. ADAMS.
Chairman Oak Bay School Board,
1202 Wharf St., Victoria, B.C.

Approve Scheme for Hungarian Finance

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The two protocols providing for Hungarian financial reconstruction were approved today by the Council of the League of Nations but no agreement was reached on the question of the Hungarian reparation payments and the problem of the amortisation of the loan to be made to Hungary under the reconstruction plan. These questions will be further discussed at a meeting of the sub-committee of the Council and representatives of the little entente to be held in London in January. After the session of the conference practically all the delegates present expressed the opinion that a complete accord was entirely probable.

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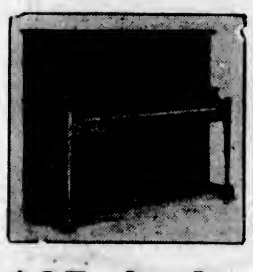

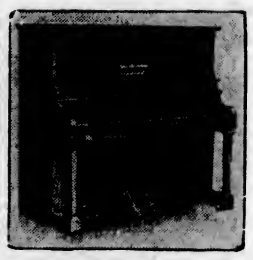

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Deserted Veteran Seeks Divorce After Three Years' Vain Search for Nurse-Wife

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—After vain search for almost three years for the woman he won in France and later married in London, Lieutenant James George Fleming, formerly of the C.E.F., returned to Seattle from Tasmania at the end of his fruitless quest and today got a divorce.

He told Judge Austin E. Griffith and Deputy Prosecutor Eugene Meacham, who examined him, that he met the present Mrs. Fannie Louise Fleming when she was a Red Cross nurse and he was a private soldier, fighting on the Somme.

Won D.C.M. and Commission

For his deeds in that sector, he testified, the British Government had seen fit to give him a Distinguished Conduct Medal and $100 with it, and raised him to a lieutenantcy. After the war he went to London, and he and the Red Cross nurse were married May 21, 1919.

They remained together three weeks, he said. The end of their honeymoon brought them to Vancouver, B.C., where he returned home one evening to find a note.

"I have come to know," said the note, "that a nurse's life is superior to married life. It was all a mistake. Goodbye."

In Canada, England, France and the Antipodes, he tried to find his vanished wife, Fleming testified, to no avail.

VOTE TWO MILLIONS FOR BOUNTIES ON B.C. IRON

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Bounty Act before the Legislature contemplates, to have a bona fida working and producing iron and steel plant established in the Province.

"If the Dominion Government should accede to our request and provide for a bounty on the same basis as we are considering—and there is no reason why they should not—it would mean an aggregate amount to be paid in Canada on behalf of this industry of $4,000,000. We have been given to understand that there is a bona fide desire on the part of British capitalists to come to this Province to enter upon this enterprise, bringing their capital and their experience to bear upon the problems of initiating and carrying the industry to a successful issue. As I have said, we sincerely hope that they will do so, and I am satisfied that such an offer in the way of bounty payments on production should be of interest to them.

Experiments Favorable

"For the information of the House I would state further that experiments have been in progress for some time at the Northwest Experiment Station of the United States Bureau of Mines, Seattle, Washington, which have a direct bearing on our problem in the matter of exploiting the magnetite ores of this Province. These experiments have been going on for some years, and we have been keeping in close touch with their progress. A few weeks ago we were notified that the plant was prepared for practical demonstration, and engineers of the department were instructed to visit the station and to submit a report on the work being done there.

"The report, a copy of which I have before me, is most encouraging. It indicates that a furnace has been designed capable of producing from magnetite ores a sponge iron readily convertible into pig iron at a cost per ton considerably below the local market quotations on pig iron, and on the basis of a twenty-ton plant, it is found that the estimated cost per ton of sponge iron is $15.24, the cost of melting to pig, $15.72, and the total cost per short ton, $30.96. This is very favorable when compared to $35 a ton, which is about what the users of pig in this Province at present are paying for the imported article.

"I am assured that this process has been found to be economically practicable. My engineers are confident, from what they saw at the Seattle station, that it will prove a success commercially. We are going to forward British Columbia magnetite ore to this plant for further experiment. If this test results satisfactorily it should follow that we will have at least a small plant in operation in British Columbia within a short time, producing from our own ore a pig iron and a steel that will be able to meet the competition of that produced elsewhere. I think you will agree that this will be at least a step in the right direction, and from what information I have, I will be disappointed if we have not this process in operation in British Columbia before this House again assembles.

Big Company Interested

"During the past few months I have had conversations with a representative of one of the large mining corporations of this Province, which corporation is seriously considering embarking in the iron producing industry. This corporation is not interested in the guaranteeing of bonds, but would prefer to go forward with the assurance of support on the basis of a bounty on the tonnage produced. It is not expected that those who are thus considering the matter would undertake a large operation in their initial attempts, but rather that they would undertake to provide for the immediate market requirements."

POSTOFFICE NOW DELUGED BY MAIL

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Going North

While mailings are heavy for the South there are other mails going North. Aklavik is the most northerly post office in Canada, and it is served by dog-team. About eighty-five bags were shipped from the Victoria office yesterday for the Northwest alone.

The Victoria Post Office employs about 125 men at normal times, and at this time of the year a number of additional "hands" have to be taken on to cope with the increased mails. Victoria's population has not increased to any extent during the last ten years, but Oak Bay, Esquimalt, and the southern part of Saanich have been added to the Victoria Post Office responsibilities during this time, which has required a further fourteen carriers. Forty-nine routes in all have to be covered.

Registered Letters

The money-order department has found the work a little heavier this year than last; the SS. Madison which sailed for the Orient last Sunday carried in its mailbags 1,450 registered letters bound for China.

The idea of parcel insurance is gaining in popularity, too. This also means increased work for the post office staff. At least half the parcels despatched carry insurance. Curiously the number of claims is extraordinarily low. In the natural course of events occasional parcels are lost, even with the present expert system of handling mails. But claims are seldom made save in the event of the destruction of a whole carload of mail by fire, as occurred not long ago.

German Mail

One of the curiously interesting consignments seen at the local office yesterday afternoon was a truckful of German mail bound for Tokio. One hundred and twenty-five sacks, weighing fifty pounds apiece, arrived earlier in the day on the C.P.R. boat, and was run into the Victoria Post Office simply to be checked off ready for dispatch on the SS. Hawaii on December 22.

This was just a sidelight on still another phase of the local office's duties. Vancouver and Victoria between them share the bulk of the work in checking all mails bound to or from the Far East. The incoming Chinese and Japanese parcel post, for instance, is made up in Victoria, no matter for what part of Canada it is destined, and whether from Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokio, Kobe, or Yokohama. Vancouver, on the other hand, makes up all the Canadian outgoing mails for China and Japan.

Carriers' Christmas

In the lobby of the post office the following notice is posted to remind the willing and speed-up the tardy:

"The letter-carrier would like to have his Christmas dinner, too. Help us to arrange this by posting your letters on December 22 for delivery on Christmas Day." Christmas parcels should be posted early, marked "Don't open until Christmas." Letters for delivery locally should be posted on December 22 for delivery on Christmas Day.

OBITUARIES

WATSON—Service over the remains of the late Mr. John Adam Watson will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at his late residence, 645 St. John Street. Rev. Archdeacon Swett will officiate and interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

TERRELL—The funeral of the late Samuel Terrell, who passed away at his home, 927 Pembroke Street, took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, and the casket was covered with many beautiful flowers. The services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. Elliott, assisted by Dr. W. J. Sipprell, and the hymns sung were "Forever With the Lord" and "Rock of Ages." Representatives of the Saanich Council and members of the Victoria City Council were present. The remains were forwarded on the night boat to Guelph, Ontario, where interment will be made in the family plot.

GORDON—The funeral of the late James Harry Gordon, who passed away at the family residence last Monday, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, and members of the British Campaigners attended in a body. Captain C. Reid officiated, and the hymn sung was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The body was borne to the cemetery on a gun carriage, the casket draped with the Union Jack. The motors following were covered with many beautiful flowers. The firing party preceded the gun carriage to Ross Bay Cemetery, where three volleys were fired over the grave and the bugler sounded the Last Post. The following brother members of the British Campaigners acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Thomas Hislip, E. Miller, J. M. Askland and D. J. MacLennan.

FAVORABLE REPORT

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—A favorable report of Right Hon. W. S. Fielding's condition was given this evening by his physicians.

West Derby Election

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The deferred election in West Derbyshire was held today, the candidates being the Marquis of Hartingdon, Conservative, and W. C. Mallinson, Liberal. The votes will be counted tomorrow.

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OATH ADMINISTERED TO GREECE'S REGENT

Colonel Plastiras Officiates at Installation at Athens of Admiral Coundouriotis

ATHENS, Dec. 20.—Admiral Coundouriotis has assumed the regency of Greece. Col. Plastiras, of the military directorate administered the oath to the new regent this evening in the presence of the holy synod and members of the Cabinet.

It is possible that a republic may be proclaimed in the next few days, if the movement begun by General Pangalos, military governor of Athens, and the extremist leader of the Republican party, continues to gain headway. Pangalos threatens weekend manifestations against the present revolutionary government, headed by Colonel Plastiras and Premier Gonatas. He demands that they cede the power to the Republicans, over whom he now claims leadership, owing to success in the recent elections.

Counsels Moderation

M. Papanastassios, leader of the Democratic party, is counselling moderation. He declares he does not want the Republicans to assume power before the meeting of the constituent assembly, which has been fixed for early in January.

A delegation numbering seven, and representing varying shades of political opinion, left here tonight for Paris to invite former Premier Venizelos to return to Greece. The delegation carries a letter from Colonel Plastiras.

Venizelos Abstains

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, continues to maintain a strict silence on the Greek situation, but he is said to have quite made up his mind to abstain from taking part in Greek politics, taking the view that the new situation will require new men. In any case, he will not stand for the presidency if a Republic is declared, it is asserted, and his friends meanwhile will support Admiral Coundouriotis as Regent.

G. A. U. V. FORMS NEW BRANCH HERE

New Organization to Take Place of One Now Defunct—Colonel Flick Is President

An enthusiastic meeting of those interested in the formation of a new branch of the Grand Army of United Veterans was held in the quarters formerly occupied by the defunct branch last evening. Provincial officers were elected, Colonel Flick being the unanimous choice for the office of president, with Comrade Malcolm McCaig as vice-president, Comrade R. Wilson as tyler, and Comrade A. C. Howard as secretary-treasurer. The Provincial organizer, Comrade F. W. Crawford, of Vancouver, attended and explained to the gathering the procedure which should be followed, and further gave some very seasonable advice, the result of his experience in such work. Committees were elected to take charge of finance, membership and credentials, choice and furnishing of quarters, and publicity, and at the close of a busy evening marked by clear and attentive discussion of the several topics debated it was decided to meet again on Thursday, 27th inst.

HUGE MILL WILL RISE ON OLD SITE

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"We are going to follow the practice," he said, "of buying all that can be bought within the Empire."

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The active management of the plant which Mr. Palmer is relinquishing will pass to Mr. J. Humbird, son of the president of the Weyerhaeuser Company, which is deeply interested in the Chemainus plant. The new manager is by no means new to this line of undertaking. He has been in charge at Sand Point, Idaho, of three mills that have a joint capacity of about the same as the new mill on Vancouver Island will have.

Under the plans that the company have in view, about a year will be required for the assembling of the plant and the placing it in position for operation. It is questionable, according to Mr. Palmer, if any faster time than that could be made. The cost Mr. Palmer does not like to place an estimate upon, but it is said that it will represent at least a million and a half dollars.

In connection with the carrying out of this plan there will be a model town laid out, and the company will construct there up-to-date cottages, equipped in every way to afford comfort to the married men and their families. This is all included in the plans that are to be prepared, and the architect will be on the ground at once.

Logging operations, already on a vast scale, will be materially augmented.

MORE HOPEFUL OF AFGHAN AFFAIRS

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moderate and just demands are not complied with. There is no truth whatever in a statement attributed to Tchitcherin, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that Great Britain has threatened war with Afghanistan, and has demanded that Afghanistan break off diplomatic relations with Russia.

Frontier Conference

DELHI, India, Dec. 20.—A frontier conference between the Afghan Governor at Jalalabad and a political agent for Khyber, fixed the responsibility for harboring the Ajabba gang of murderers of British officers on the Sangu tribe, and representatives of the tribe were detained as hostages by the Governor. However, these bolted at night.

The gang dispersed on learning of the dispatch of six hundred troops against them, and are still at large. An assembly of the Mahsuda gave a verdict against three tribesmen for the murder of Lieutenant Webster on July 6, and called upon the Shabi tribe to surrender the culprits, failing which the tribe would be liable to a fine of 12,000 rupees. (A rupee equals two shillings.)

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City and District

Elected to Membership—Mr. Robert T. Murphy, of the Murphy Electric Company, was yesterday elected a member of the Victoria Rotary Club.

Poultry Catalogues—Catalogues for the Victoria Poultry Show may be obtained from feed dealers or Mr. H. D. Reid, 607 Manchester Road, the Poultry Association announced yesterday.

Local Bank Clearings—Victoria bank clearings for the week ending December 20 were $2,021,886, as compared to $2,112,936 for the corresponding week of last year; a decrease of $91,050. Figures supplied by the Victoria Clearing House.

Citizens' Committee—It was announced yesterday at the Rotary Club luncheon that a meeting of the citizens' committee in connection with the amusement centre by-law will be held this afternoon, in the Chamber of Commerce, at 4 o'clock. All members are asked to be present.

Still Manages Hotel—Mr. George Nicholson desires to inform his many friends that he is still proprietor of the Sooke Harbor Hotel. He will be very much to the fore during the Christmas and New Year season, when he will feature turkey dinners and dances.

Strawberry Vale Party—The children of Strawberry Vale school held a successful Christmas concert in the hall on Wednesday evening. Over fifty dollars was taken in, and as the only expense was the hall, this will pay the balance due on their piano.

Chintz and Chippendale—In connection with Miss Clare Powell's Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, at the First Congregational schoolroom, a very charming young elocutionist and dancer was seen in Miss Helen Parkinson, who recited and danced very prettily in a number entitled "Chints and Chippendale."

Greetings From New Zealand—The season's greetings were conveyed to the members of the Victoria Rotary Club from the Rotary Club of Auckland, New Zealand, in a communication from the latter organization, which was read by President James Adam to the local Rotarians at their luncheon yesterday. The Victoria club has sent its compliments to their brothers "across the sea."

Guest at Luncheon—Mr. Charles H. French, formerly manager of the fur department of the Hudson's Bay Company, here, and who is now located on the Mainland, was a guest at yesterday's luncheon of the Victoria Rotary Club. Mr. French was formerly an active member of the local Rotary unit, and he was accorded a hearty welcome by the Rotarians. Mr. A. J. Watson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company store in Victoria, was also among the guests.

Visit Orphanage—The first of the season's entertainments at the Orphanage took place last Monday evening, when the Young People of the First Presbyterian Church went out to the "big house on the hill" and gave a most delightful programme. Well-filled baskets disclosed delicious supplies of cakes and sandwiches, which were partaken of first, and later there was a magic-lantern show and a number of musical items and recitations. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, and began at once to appreciate the fact that the Christmas season is approaching when their numerous friends remember them.

Local Poultryman's Success—Mr. T. H. Venning, of Esquimalt, has just received word from the secretary of the Royal Agricultural Show recently held in Toronto at which over ten thousand birds were exhibited, to the effect that his dark Cornish cockerel and pullet exhibited there won the following prizes: First prize, cockerel, in a class of twenty-two birds; fourth prize, pullet, in a class of twenty; special prize for the best young pair of Canadian Dark Cornish; special prize for the best exhibit from British Columbia; grand champion male special for the cockerel. The two birds won a total of $23 in cash. Mr. Venning has already received orders from American breeders in the Eastern States for eggs in the Spring.

Progressive Conservatives' Dance—The weekly "500" and dance held last evening in the Caledonia Hall, proved a huge success, thirty-seven tables being in play. The winners of the first table were Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Selsby and Mr. Greenwood; second, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. McRae and Mr. Francis; third, Mrs. Tillett, Mrs. McKiernon, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cramer. Winners of the ten bid were Mrs. Hogarth and Mr. Matthews. The tombolas were given to Mrs. G. Russell, Mr. Hoey and Mrs. Rae. After the cards, a most enjoyable time was spent in dancing. Many extra visitors arrived at the dance hour. Professor Findler's orchestra supplied the music.

ALBERTA LIQUOR ACT IS CAUCUSED

Decide to Support Sale of Beer by the Glass in Special Premises in Hotels

EDMONTON, Dec. 20.—The sale of beer by the glass in special premises in hotels conforming to accommodation regulations to be determined later, was decided on by forty U.F.A. members of the Legislature, who concluded a three-day caucus here tonight.

The caucus dealt with many questions, but mainly with the liquor legislation problem. Very wide differences of opinion existed as to what interpretation should be placed on clause "D" ratified on November 5, and a strong element in the Government following stood out against granting licence privileges even to hotels. It was agreed finally that a limited number of properly qualified hotels might be licenced, but that beer should not be sold in dining rooms, and only in special premises with services at tables and not at bars.

Restaurants will not be given beer licences. Only old established clubs will be considered for licences. Local option will be incorporated in the Act along the lines followed in the Quebec system.

The Act will provide for administration committees of not more than three members.

Under the Clock

City Hall Activities in Brief

There will be no meeting of the Public Works Committee this afternoon and no meeting of the City Council on Monday night. A Council meeting will be held, however, before the end of the month, Mayor Hayward said yesterday, in order to give the final reading to the amusement centre by-law which he feels is certain to pass on December 29.

On Monday afternoon the City Hall will be closed in order to give the employees an opportunity to make their Christmas purchases. Some consternation was evinced when it was announced in The Colonist a few days ago that until the Provincial Government paid up what it owed the city, there would not be enough money for the pay cheques, but the prompt forwarding of $50,000 by the Provincial authorities drove the clouds away.

City Engineer Preston has been asked by the Finance Committee to supply data in regard to the cost of the Johnson Street Bridge and also to explain what the difference would have been had there been only one span instead of two.

The plan for the proposed widening of Fort Street from the Junction down to Foul Bay Road was considered by the Reverted Lands Committee yesterday afternoon. The committee will recommend its adoption and the surveying of all reverted lands within the affected area. The establishing of building lines so that no new structures will encroach upon the strips which it is intended to add to the street will be advocated. It is expected that it will be years before the widening plans are brought to fruition.

The Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee had a meeting yesterday to wind up the year's business. An interim report of the Elk Lake development was presented, and showed that satisfactory progress was being made with the golf links.

A caretaker has been at Mount Douglas Park to prevent the removal of Christmas trees. He will remain there throughout the holiday season.

The photograph of Ex-Mayor J. L. Beckwith has been added to the pictures of Victoria's former chief magistrates hanging on the wall in the Council Chamber. He is situated next to his old enemy, Ex-Mayor Morley, with whom he battled in the past.

MEXICAN REBELS CLAIM CAPTURES

FIVE TOWNS TAKEN ON MARCH TO CAPITAL

Many Dead and Wounded and Three Thousand Prisoners Taken in Clash Yesterday

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Revolutionary forces under General Guadalupe Sanchez have captured Apizaco and four other towns in their march toward Mexico City, and now are within sixty kilometers from the capital, it was announced here tonight by representatives of the de la Huerta faction.

The towns of Porto Mexico, Acapulco, Puebla and Cuantla are now in the hands of the rebel forces. The rebel army is sixty kilometres from Mexico City, and the Obregon forces are preparing to evacuate the national capital.

The government troops are retreating before the rebel advance following a clash today near Apizaco, in which many dead and wounded were left on the field, and more than 3,000 prisoners taken by the rebels.

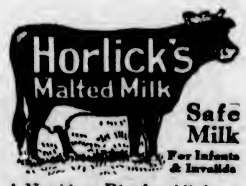
Senor Healy, who was formerly editor of El Sol newspaper, of Hermosillo, Sonora, stated that his newspaper had been confiscated by the government for alleged printing of propaganda contrary to the aims of the administration.

"No Enemies to Fight"

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—"There are no enemies for us to fight, either in Vera Cruz or Jalisco," President Obregon told foreign consuls tonight, "because they refuse to give battle and retreat continually, tearing up the tracks, preventing pursuit, and leaving prisoners and munitions behind."

He expected a battle at Jalisco shortly, he said.

News dispatches from Apizaco, 86 miles from here, state that fighting has been resumed on the outskirts of Puebla and Esperanza, while Tehuacan has been evacuated by the forces under General Fortunato Maycotte, and occupied by a federal column. Puebla is sixty-three miles southeast of Mexico City.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A Concert will be held in Craigflower School on Friday, December 21, at 8 p.m. Admission 25 cents.

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Royal Dairy Specials for Xmas Day—Just arrived, Hazelnut Fruit Ice Cream, Black Walnut Fruit Ice Cream, also Bisque Tortoni, Maple Bisque. Order for your party or Christmas dinner. Orders received until six o'clock Monday for delivery Christmas Day. Phone 188. 707 View Street.

ALD. OWEN GETS COUNT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—Ald. W. R. Owen is still the mayor-elect of Vancouver for 1924. When the last ballot had been counted tonight, following a special session in the Court House, Ald. Owen headed the poll with 5,651 votes. Ex-Ald. L. D. Taylor followed with 5,594 votes, giving Owen a majority of 57. Owen's first majority was 53.

Saved Through Heroism

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 20.—Ablaze from head to foot in consequence of the explosion of a fuel tank on a 35-foot speed launch four miles from shore tonight, Charles Driscoll, 33, jumped into the sea, and was saved from drowning only through the heroism of his brother, Jake, 31, the only other occupant of the launch.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., Dec. 20, 1923.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer remains low on the Northern Coast, and rain is reported southward to Washington. Fair, moderately cold weather prevails on the Prairies.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	44
Vancouver	34	42
Kamloops	34	34
Barkerville	10	34
Prince Rupert	34	44
Estevan	46	48
Calgary, Alta.	16	42
Winnipeg, Man.	20	34
Portland, Ore.	32	46
San Francisco, Cal.	44	56
Seattle, Wash.	34	42
Penticton	30	34
Grand Forks	17	32
Nelson	28	30
Cranbrook	9	36
Edmonton, Alta.	18	30
Prince Albert, Sask.	0	28
Regina, Sask.	8	--

THURSDAY

Maximum	44
Minimum	40
Average	42
Minimum on the grass	32

General state of the weather, cloudy.

Send Coal for Xmas

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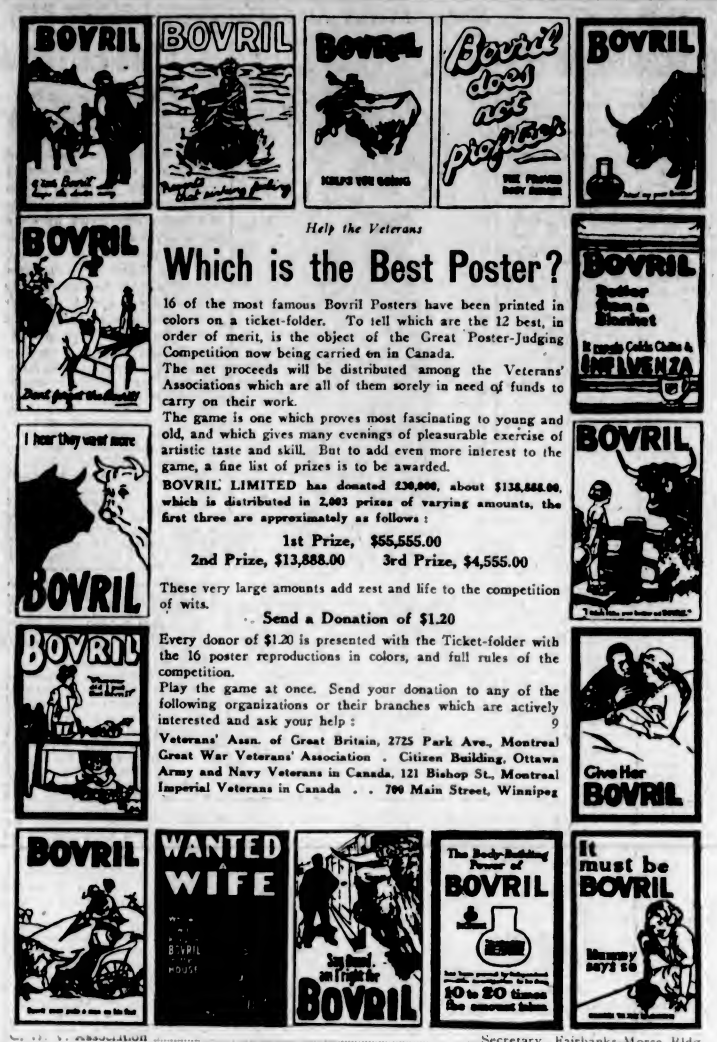

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Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, 121 Bishop St., Montreal
Imperial Veterans in Canada . . 700 Main Street, Winnipeg

G. W. V. Association .....Secretary, Fairbanks-Morse Bldg., Victoria. Phone 3777
Army & Navy Veterans .....P.O. Box 15, Victoria

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CENTRE WOULD BE BEST PUBLICITY

NEW YORK MUSICAL EDITOR COMMENDS ENTERPRISE

Alderman Crone, of Vancouver, Hopes Victorians Approve Project in Their Own Interests

"Victoria's Crystal Garden is the biggest advertisement that this community could hold up to the eyes of the world, and if the citizens of Victoria approve the agreement between the Council and the Canadian Pacific Railway, they will be taking a progressive step that will go a long way in making this city the most attractive spot in this western portion of the continent," Mr. Charles D. Isaacson, musical editor of The New York Mail, told Rotarians yesterday at their luncheon gathering.

Mr. Isaacson contended that the community that did not lend its assistance to artistic ventures would deteriorate, but the community that supported such undertakings aided a quality that made the city a much better place to live in. Good music has a beneficial effect, both upon the happiness of the citizens, as well as the real estate values of the community. With excellent music incorporated in the features of the Amusement Centre, this imposing structure, when opened, would be, from every standpoint, an invaluable asset to the city and its residents.

The speaker told of the success of the big Amusement Centre in Rochester, New York, a city of 350,000 population, pointing out that that institution was one of the outstanding attractions at that place. He spoke of other communities where Amusement Centres had proved of inestimable value, and felt convinced that such a project here would be the greatest thing that could be established.

A Good Proposition

Alderman Fred Crone, of Vancouver, who is visiting Victoria in connection with publicity matters, expressed the hope that the citizens of Victoria would endorse the Amusement Centre by-law on December 29. He said that he hoped the Victorians would take advantage of this opportunity of obtaining something that would more than repay them for their efforts.

"If you succeed in this, we in Vancouver will be glad," said Alderman Crone. "Our success is your success, and your success is our success. What we want in Vancouver is to get thousands of tourists to visit us, and we will send them over to Victoria; while we want you to get thousands of tourists here and send them over to us. Such reciprocation will help both cities tremendously, I feel. Let us treat our tourists courteously, and see that they have a good time while visiting in Victoria and Vancouver," said Alderman Crone.

Mr. Alfred Carmichael, president of the Real Estate Board here and representative of the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee, said that he believed the construction of an Amusement Centre in this city would be the beginning of a new Victoria. He outlined the salient features of the plans and prospects of the Crystal Garden, and urged every Rotarian to assist in securing a heavy majority for the by-law next week.

Rotarians Frank Sehl and Robert Mayhew were chosen as the club's delegates to the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee.

Over twenty Rotarians answered Rotarian Mayhew's appeal for loan of cars in connection with the voting on the Amusement Centre by-law.

Special Christmas Dinner Strathcona Cafe, 12 to 2 and 5:30 to 8. Price $1.00.

WITNESS INJECTS LITTLE SURPRISE

At Final Session of Narcotic Inquiry Fernandez Springs Story of Innocuous Talk With Official

COMMISSIONER DOES NOT MENTION REPORT

Green Canoe Occupied Centre of Stage Yesterday, Mr. Davis Presenting Its Complete File to Court

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—After a hearing lasting well over a month and with twenty actual daily sittings to its credit the Royal Commission brought to a close today the inquiry into allegations of irregularities laid against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Commissioner J. P. Smith, K.C., made no announcement as to when his report would be delivered to Minister of Justice Guoin, of Ottawa.

The concluding moments of the commission's final sitting were quiet save for the unexpected action of counsel E. P. Davis, K.C., acting on behalf of the Department of Justice, announcing there would be no argument in support of the defence.

A predominent feature throughout the hearing and the basis of a side issue inasmuch as Special Agent F. W. Eccles is facing a charge of perjury in the higher courts, the "green canoe" incident occupied the spotlight until the last. Prior to his announcement that he was at the end of his string of evidence, Mr. Davis presented to commissioner J. P. Smith, K.C., the complete file concerning the much discussed craft and its accompanying details.

There was a new sensation sprung at the morning session of the inquiry into charges laid by Hon. A. M. Manson, Attorney-General, against members of the secret service of the R.C.M.P., when Frank Fernandez swore that he had been approached several days ago by H. Langley, of the Attorney-General's Department, who sought to have him make a private statement for Hon. Mr. Manson. According to the witness, the agent of the Attorney-General, who has been very active about the commission since it started, told him that he had been instructed by the Attorney-General in the matter, and it was going to be made hot for someone, and that Fernandez had better make his statement then.

Corporal Williams, of the R.C.M.P., accompanied Fernandez to keep the appointment, and he will likely be called to substantiate the charge.

Morning Session

Fernandez was recalled to answer questions as to the different allegations made against him, and tell of his financial standing.

"By the way," asked J. A. Russell, his counsel, "has anyone approached you lately about this matter?"

Fernandez—Yes, Mr. Langley. He rang up my house several times. I was not home yet, being at this commission. It was the night before last. Then the last time he called up he told her to tell me to meet him. He had important business to talk over with me, and for me to go to the Grosvenor Hotel. I rang up Sergeant Munday and told him to send me a couple of men. He sent Corporal Williams to go with me. We went to the hotel.

Mr. Russell—Yes?

Witness—We met Mr. Langley. He said: "We want to get to the bottom of this and we will make it hot for someone." Langley said he had been told by the Attorney-General if I had any statement to make that I had better make it to them. I told him "I will make my statement to the commission and to no one else." Corporal Williams was with me there at the time.

Fernandez denied positively that he had received any money from the Mounted Police or any other person in connection with the war against the narcotic traffic except $250 which he was paid in the Ah Gow case. This money he had received from Harry Jones.

Meets Eccles

According to the story told by Fernandez, he had been introduced to Secret Agent F. W. Eccles by Harry Jones at the home of the latter. He also met Sergeant Brown. They told him that if he would assist them he would be paid half the fines resulting from his work.

"I did not know them, and did not trust either of them at that time. I told them that they could pay the money to Harry Jones and he could hand it to me. I worked on the Ah Gow case. There was a fine of $500. Harry Jones got the $250, but he wanted to keep half of it, but I said "Nothing doing." I gave him $25 for having introduced me to Eccles. He did not do any of the work, and I thought $25 was enough for an introduction."

Continuing, Fernandez said he had done all the important work in the case in respect to getting the narcotics off the Empress of Russia. It had been arranged with the customs that the stuff was to be taken off. He was in the boat. There were 250 tins of opium and some cocaine and morphine on the ship. The Chinaman was just lowering the cocaine and morphine to him in the rowboat when the customs boat came around. The result was that the Chinaman almost dropped the narcotics in the water, slammed shut the port and disappeared, and the seizure of the opium was not effected. The only reason he consented to work in the case was that he had been told that the customs and police were both anxious to have the seizure made.

Denies Statements

Fernandez categorically denied the statements of Jan Vudjiniski, alias John Henderson, who swore that he, Sergeant Brown and Eccles had participated with Joe Rivera in a dope running episode several years ago, where they received $530 each from the sale of a quantity of opium.

Sergeant Brown, Eccles, Rivera and a man named Pullen, whose name was also mentioned, all previously denied the story. Fernandez corroborated the evidence they had given, and added further that the story told by Vudjiniski to the effect that he and Fernandez had smuggled 26 tins of opium to Seattle was a complete fabrication. He denied ever having paid any money to the man.

Eccles gave evidence of his financial status. He said that before joining the police he had a substantial bank account. He owned a seining licence, and he and his wife owned an apartment block. He had since sold the apartment block. He gave a detailed statement of his property and other assets to the commissioner, and filed his bank book as an exhibit.

Just before the luncheon adjournment Eccles stated in answer to questions by Mr. Russell that he stopped going down to search the boats on the waterfront, because of the actions of the customs officials. "They ran their hands over my clothes every time and once or twice searched me," said the witness. "They got so that if I spoke to any person on the ships they would search them. I once spoke to a lady and they immediately took her when she came off the boat and searched her."

VICTORIA SUPPORTS PUBLICITY SCHEME

Co-operative Plan of Newspaper Advertising Along Coast Meets With Local Approval

Victoria will join Vancouver and other neighboring cities in co-operative advertising of the Coast country in California, Oregon and Eastern Washington, the executive of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau decided yesterday, after hearing the scheme outlined by Alderman Fred Crone and Mr. Morgan Eastman, president and vice-president of the Vancouver Publicity Bureau, originators of the plan.

The proposals, which call for the expenditure of about $35,000 by the five cities of Vancouver, Victoria, Bellingham, Seattle and Tacoma, require Victoria to subscribe $2,500. Vancouver will put up $9,000, Seattle $15,000, and Tacoma and Bellingham corresponding amounts, the sums being based upon population.

Bellingham has already signified its willingness to participate in the campaign. Seattle and Tacoma have yet to give their sanction. Today, Mr. Joseph Patrick, president of the Victoria bureau; Mr. J. C. Pendray, past president, and Commissioner George I. Warren, will make a trip to Seattle, where, in conjunction with the Vancouver men, they will take the matter up with Seattle and Tacoma representatives on Saturday morning.

The campaign will be confined to newspaper advertising, of which sixty-six full pages will be arranged in the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Diego, Fresno, in California; Boise, Idaho; Portland and Spokane. Advertisements will also be placed in The Sunset Magazine of San Francisco, and The Southern California Automobile Club Magazine, published in Los Angeles. The journals to be patronized have a combined paid circulation of more than 1,300,000 people.

A useful feature of the agreement is that providing for general attention to inquiries. All requests for information arising from the large advertisements will be referred to all five cities, and literature will go forward from each. This plan is expected to stimulate the interest of the prospective visitor and go far towards bringing him to this neighborhood.

PRAIRIE COMMUNITY WOULD LOCATE HERE

Ruthenians Find It Too Cold in Saskatchewan—Ask Settlement Conditions on Island

Inquiries received by the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau indicate that a number of Ruthenian and Roumanian farmers now settled in Saskatchewan may pack up their tools and move out to Vancouver Island shortly.

A representative of the Prairie community, writing to the bureau, asks of the possibilities of community settlement in the Province, saying that the farmers, after more than twenty-years of toil on the Prairies, are desirous of locating in a milder country. They find the climate of Saskatchewan much too severe for their liking. They have done well by hard work since their arrival in the country in 1899, says the writer of the letter, and have become thoroughly well acquainted with the English language and Canadian laws and ideals.

Sayward, on the inside coast of the Island, is suggested as a suitable place of settlement for the community by Colonel R. D. Davies, of the Land Settlement Board, who offers to conduct representatives of the Ruthenians over the ground if they come to the Coast. Sayward contains many pre-emptions partially improved, some with houses standing, that were abandoned during the war. A self-contained community, it is believed, would find it ideal.

Flying Corps Veteran Buried at Courtenay

COURTENAY, Dec. 19—The funeral of the late Reginald Andrew McQuillan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McQuillan, of this city, was held yesterday afternoon, and, despite the stormy weather, was attended by a large number of friends of the family from many points throughout the Comox Valley. The late Mr. McQuillan was a native of the valley and had until the time of his illness been a member of the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada. He was in the flying corps during the war. The pallbearers were all native sons of Comox Valley, young men who had been the late Mr. McQuillan's lifelong friends. They were Messrs. Norman Fletcher, Robert Cowie, Drew Berkeley, Robert McQuillan, George Millard and John Duncan. Interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Sandwick.

Steel Band's Tour

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 20.—The Newcastle Steel Works Band, which has been engaged to play at the British Empire exhibition in London next year, will afterward tour Scotland and the continent, returning to Australia by way of the United States.

Bandits Secure $2,000

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Automobile bandits at 7 o'clock this morning smashed the plateglass window of the store of Henry Birks & Sons, on Phillip Square, and scooped out jewels to the value of $2,000 from the showcase.

See Pages Ten and Eleven

For Today's

Xmas Shopping News

Hudson's Bay Company.

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Polished Brass Shells Make Handsome Presents

We have the last lot available. Priced from .....$1.00 to $7.00

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We give 100% value for your money.

The Red ✚ Cross Workshop

584-6 Johnson Street (Just Below Govt.) Phone 2169

Christmas

GIFTS of flowers and plants will say for you the thoughts too deep for words — in gladness, in joyfulness, or "as lips that kiss the tears away."

Make flowers carry your Christmas greetings, no matter what else you send.

Flowers may be delivered within a few hours to any address in the United States or Canada by means of Florists' Telegraph Delivery Service. Ask us to tell you how it is done.

"Say it with Flowers"

A. J. Woodward & Sons

621 Fort Street Victoria, B. C.

Local Production Week

Victoria Public Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET DAYS

Saturday, Dec. 22
Monday, Dec. 24

Before buying your Christmas turkey, goose, chicken, beef, flowers, trees, decorations, etc., visit our local market with local products. The best display and quality ever shown at our market—the price the very lowest obtainable anywhere for local products. Come or phone for your requirements; satisfaction guaranteed. Help yourselves by buying from the local producers to keep the home pot boiling.

Social Events

Host at Dance

On Wednesday evening Mr. Hugh Beck entertained a number of friends at a dance at his home on Foul Bay Road. The guests included the Misses Mildred and Enid Clarke, B. Payne, Audrey Payne, Marjorie Oates, Justa and Monnina McKenna, Marion Wilson, Kathleen and Helen Smith, Betty Schofield, Kathleen Ross, Nona Goodacre, Joe Brandon, Helen Ferguson, Beryl and Lenore Hyndman, Louise Campbell, Betty Kirk, Phyllis Barton, Katherine Fraser, Phyllis Beck, Messrs. Reginald Wenman, Fred Grubb, Harold Holt, Frank Mathewson, Norman Sehl, Fred Moore, Earnley and Nim Money, Stanley Haynes, Harold Haynes, John Proctor, Alfred Powell, Phil Willis, Kenneth Adams, Cedric Walker, George Officer, George Barton, Donald Hayes, Chummy Gilmer and Blair Dickson. Ozard's orchestra supplied the music for dancing.

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Hosts at Dinner

Mr. J. A. Mitchell and his niece, Miss Kate Adair, entertained last evening at their home, on Rockland Avenue, at dinner, when their guests included Colonel and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson. Later additional guests arrived and bridge, mah jong and poker were played. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, and Mrs. H. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Castle, Miss Macdonald, Miss Sayward, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Mavor and Mr. A. Taylor.

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Hosts at The Dansant

A delightful the-dansant took place on the cableship Restorer on Wednesday afternoon, when the hosts were Captain and Mrs. V. F. Sparks. The guests were: The Misses Vivian Combe, Molly Flower, Wilhelmina Blanklevoort, "Cooe" Bagshawe, Hetty Blankenbach, Hilda Langton, Helen Hart, Lieut. Dick Hart, Lieut. Colin Donald, Messrs. Lionel Roper, Smyth, Jack Lewis, Will Blankenbach, Cyril Taylor and Walter Buege.

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Here for Christmas

Mrs. Evan Mackie and small daughter, of Vancouver, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. W. E. Woodhouse, Oak Bay. They will spend Christmas here and will later be joined by Mr. Mackie, who will accompany them back to Vancouver for the New Year.

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Returns From South

Mrs. Butler has returned to Victoria after spending the past few months in California, and is now staying at the Empress Hotel. She will leave tomorrow for Alberni, where she will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Hodgson.

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Visits San Francisco

Miss Dorothy Stuart Robertson, who, accompanied by Miss Sara Dean, recently left for Seattle, has proceeded to San Francisco, where she will be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. J. Claxton, for the Christmas holidays.

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Visits Parents

Mr. Leonard Flamank arrived from Los Angeles by the Ruth Alexander on Monday evening, and is spending Christmas and New Year with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Flamank, 415 Helmcken Street.

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En Route to California

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Mosler and daughter, Miss Bessie Mosler, of Daysland, Alberta, have been spending a part of the week with friends in Victoria, and left last evening for Los Angeles.

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Here for Honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Verrall, of Vancouver, are on their honeymoon at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. Verrall was formerly Miss Ida Morris, well known in Vancouver musical circles.

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Leave for Jordan River

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Walker left yesterday for their home at Jordan River.

BAMFIELD

Wedded in South

A wedding of interest to her many Victoria friends was that of Miss Bessie Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace, formerly of Bamfield, and Mr. Floyd Thomason, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thomason, of Lincoln, Ark. The wedding took place at the Wallace residence on Saturday evening at San Francisco, with the Rev. E. B. Lytle officiating. Miss Jean Wallace, a sister of the bride, and Daniel Wallace, her brother, acted as bridesmaid and best man, respectively. The living-room was handsomely decorated with masses of ferns, palms, bronze and mauve chrysanthemums. The couple stood before an improvised altar at a central window. The bride was beautiful in white silk crepe de Chine, embellished in pearls, and wore silver shoes and stockings. Her coronet bridal veil was caught with orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, a sister of the bride, was charming in orchid crepe de Chine, decorated with silver, and wore bands of silver in her hair. She carried roses and sweet peas. The groom presented her with a handsome ring, and the best man with a gold and amber cigarette holder. Mrs. Thomason is a charming girl, who has made many friends during the short time of her residence here, where she has been connected with Vincent's store, while Mr. Thomason is associated with the Arkush theatre circuit, with headquarters at the Garden. The young couple left by automobile for Southern California on Monday morning and have taken an apartment on Burlingame Avenue, where they will make their home upon their return. A large number of beautiful presents were received by them, and many guests attended the wedding, enjoying the reception and buffet supper which followed.

CHEMAINUS

Cards and Dance Host

Mrs. W. J. Morrow, of Hilton House, Roseberry Avenue, was a week-end hostess when she entertained on Saturday evening at a jolly dance and five hundred party. Beautiful Christmas decorations were charmingly arranged throughout in green and red. The prize winners for the card games were: Ladies', first, Mrs. Simpson; second, Mrs. Broomfield, and consolation, Mrs. Blackburn. Gentlemen's, first, Mr. Blackburn; second Mr. Endean, and third, Mr. Saunders. The dance music was supplied by Mesdames Wilby, Earp and Bloomfield, and delightful vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Earp, Mrs. Morrow and Major Firth. The hostess was assisted in caring for her guests by Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. George Higgins and Miss Marjory Higgins. The following were amongst the guests: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. E. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Endean, Miss Gertie Endean, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kinnear, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackburn and Mr. Stanley Blackburn, Capt. and Mrs. Winfield, Mr. and Mrs. Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. G. Riddell, Mrs. G. Kerr, Mrs. Percy Earp, Miss Phyllis Earp, the Misses Randall, Miss B. Kinsey, Miss Marjory Higgins, Major Firth, Mr. B. Islay, Mr. Orr and Mr. Saunders.

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Visits Victoria

Mrs. E. J. Palmer spent a few days in the capital last week.

From Genoa Bay

Mrs. Colin G. McInnes, of Genoa Bay, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Hill.

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Rejoins Navy

Lieut. Colin Donald, R.C.N., has returned to the naval base Esquimalt, after spending a holiday with his parents here.

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Sunday Guest

Mr. Nachtrie, of Victoria, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howe on Sunday.

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Back From Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Anketell-Jones and their son, Michael, have returned home from a visit to the capital.

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Victoria Guest

Miss Leslie Warnock, of Victoria, is the guest of Mrs. Griesbach.

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In Capital

Miss Marguerite Dyde spent the week-end in the captial.

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Visits Vancouver

Miss Annie Gallant is visiting in Vancouver.

ROYAL OAK

Return From Belgium

Brigadier-General and Mrs. W. Thornsby Hughes have returned to their residence at Elk Lake for the Christmas season, after spending nearly a year in Belgium where General Hughes is stationed in connection with the Soldiers' Graves Commission.

SOOKE

Dance Arranged

On Monday night, December 31, a New Year dance will be held in Sooke Hall. This is being arranged by the Sooke orchestra, and is expected to be a very successful and enjoyable event.

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Inspector's Visit

Mr. A. C. Stewart, District Inspector of Schools, has been a visitor in Sooke for two days to inspect the school. He stayed at the Sooke Hotel.

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Leave for East

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook left last Saturday for St. Thomas, Ont. They will be away about six weeks.

JAMES ISLAND

For Bride-Elect

A most delightful "shower" and surprise party was held at the home of Mrs. N. Moore, on Tuesday, in honor of Miss E. Bradley, whose marriage takes place next week. The various gifts were concealed in a prettily decorated box and presented to the bride-elect. Among those present were Mrs. Dakin, Mrs. T. Whalen, Mrs. J. W. Van Norman, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Biller, Mrs. Allen, Miss Allen, Mrs. D. Gould, Mrs. W. Rivers, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Holland and the Misses H. Richards, F. Rivers and D. Thomas. Mrs. Moore was assisted in serving dainty refreshments by Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Pierce.

PRINCESS RAHME HAIDER

PRINCESS IS TO BE SEEN TONIGHT

SCION OF SYRIAN ROYALTY AT CENTENNIAL

Will Appear in Dramatization of Story of Naaman, Which Was Written by Herself

Princess Rahme Haider, scion of Syrian royalty, accompanied by Miss Lucille Burgess, is in the city, and they are the special Christmas attraction at Centennial Methodist Church. They will appear before what is expected to be a crowded auditorium tonight when, besides the Sunday School en masse, there will be parents and a large number of the Victoria public to hear these talented young women.

The programme tonight will be immensely impressive and will be centred around a gorgeous dramatization of the historic biblical story of Naaman and is entitled "Naaman the Leper." This has been written by the Princess herself and tells in her charming Oriental manner of the healing of the great Syrian captain, who at the height of his glory was stricken with the dreaded disease of leprosy, and who was sent into the land of Israel to be healed. It is an intensely dramatic presentation and gives a vivid impression of this story as it was enacted in the early days.

Miss Burgess will add to the interest of the evening by her interpretation of the weird Palestinian music. Both will appear in the rich native costumes of the Orient.

Princess Rahme Haider came to this continent to be educated. Touring through the United States and Canada, she has come to Victoria from California. She hopes to return to the land of her birth before long to have motion pictures made there of the stories which she has written of the ancient times.

Those Who Come and Go

Mr. B. Forrester and Mrs. Forrester, of Ladysmith; S. Saunders, of Hillbank; W. R. Smythe, of Duncan; Mrs. V. C. Best, Gordon Best and Allan Best, of Ganges; W. J. Freeman, of Cobble Hill, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Prairie visitors at the Dominion Hotel include: H. M. Stewart, of Pilot Mound; W. J. Leach, of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Crooks, of Calgary; Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. S. A. McDougall, of Unity, Sask.

Mr. C. D. Isaacson, of New York; Mrs. B. L. Halfield, of New Westminster; Mr. F. C. Brothours, J. W. Parker and E. Strowbridge, of Seattle, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. W. Ridgeway, J. L. Hudson, Joe Ewans, P. Duncan, H. Douglas, Mrs. E. Moore, W. H. Colclough, N. D. McVey, Geo. Narlson, S. D. Patterson, E. O. Thomas, J. C. H. Johnson, D. McColl and W. A. Carpenter, of Vancouver, and W. Johnston, of Ottawa, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Special Christmas Dinner Strathcona Cafe, 12 to 2 and 5:30 to 8. Price $1.00.

One of the most beautiful women in England, is in private life Lady Diana Duff Gordon, and is a daughter of the Duke of Rutland. She is in New York to play the role of the Madonna in a famous play to be produced there, and the role is also claimed by a well-known Italian princess who has arrived in New York. Lady Diana's mother says that her daughter is on the stage to earn a living because of absolute necessity.

GIVE CAROL SERVICE WITH UNUSUAL TALENT

Girls' Central School Receives Junior I.O.D.E. Library From Florence Nightingale Chapter

The Christmas carol service was beautifully rendered by pupils yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the Girls' Central School, and their efforts were greatly appreciated by the large number of spectators present, including parents, school trustees, members of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., and friends.

Additional interest was added to the affair in the presentation of a junior I.O.D.E. library to the school by the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E. The gift was given on behalf of the members by Mrs. McIntyre, accompanied by an appropriate little speech in which she voiced the sentiments of the Chapter which considers the school as that "of their adoption." Trustee George Jay, chairman of the School Board, received the gift, thanking the Chapter for its kindness in making the presentation to the pupils.

The auditorium was most artistically decorated for the occasion, and the charming arrangements of flags, Christmas wreaths, gracefully trailing ivy and bells, made a delightful setting for the service. The decorations were carried out under the direction of Miss Croft and Miss Fox.

Opening the service with the Lord's Prayer, chanted by the pupils, the carols, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Softly the Night is Sleeping," and "O Blessed Star," were beautifully rendered. Miss Eileen MacPherson took the solo part in the last carol with marked effect. The presentation then took place, followed by three other carols, "Once, Under the Shepherd," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Come, All Ye Faithful," which were most artistically sung. Professor Heaton presided at the piano, and played the opening march and accompaniments with his talented ability.

The Right Rev. C. de V. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, addressed the assembly and gave a short speech thoroughly in keeping with the season of the year, in which he referred to the Christmas story.

LADY CARNARVON WED IN LONDON

Widow of Discoverer of Tomb of Tutankhamen Marries Grenadier Guards Officer

LONON, Dec. 20.—The Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, widow of the Earl of of Carnarvon, discoverer of the tomb of the Pharoah Tutankhamen, was married todya to Lieut.-Colonel Ian Onslow Denniatoun, formerly an officer of the Grenadier Guards. The ceremony was performed at the registry office here in the presence of a few friends.

Colonel Denniatoun, 44 years of age, served in the South African War, was made a captain in 1910 and a major in 1915 during the European War.

When Lord Carnarvon was suddenly stricken in Egypt last March from an insect bite, Lady Carnarvon started in an airplane to hasten to his bedside, but was taken ill during the flight, and proceeded by boat from a Mediteranean port. She reached there in time to assist in nursing the patient, who died March 29.

Simple Frocks for Girls

Soft black chiffon velvet, cut on simple lines, is the foundation for a striking dance frock, when combined with gold lace. An unusual feature is the appearance of the gold lace around the hem and around the armhole. It also makes a background for the bright rose at the waistline. Ribbon streamers to match the rose complete the ornament, and a similar rose is placed on the shoulder.

COMING EVENTS

Meet Tonight — Princess Patricia Lodge, Daughters of St. George, will meet at 1230 Government Street tonight at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be brought up.

Garden City Institute—The Garden City Women's Institute and the Marigold Men's Social Club are holding a whist drive this evening at 8 o'clock in the Marigold Hall. Prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

Lady Foresters—The ladies of Court Triumph, A.O.F., will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock, in Foresters' Hall, for election of officers and payment of dues. The business session will be followed by a social and drawing for a turkey. Refreshments will be served by the social committee. Sister Violet Holmes is convener.

Victoria Institute — The regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Women's Institute will be held in the Institute Rooms, Surrey Block, on Friday at 2:30 p.m. A very interesting programme has been arranged, the principal feature of which will be a demonstration of candy-making by Mrs. B. Deacon of Sidney. The hostesses for the day will be Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Mrs. L. P. Macrae, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. T. Palmer.

Brutal Husband Goes to Jail

WINDSOR, Dec. 20.—Abuse of his wife, which included burning her false teeth and turning her out of doors with her three children, brought a prison sentence for Hugh O'Neill, 32, in police court today of a term of from one to two years, less a day.

SONORA TOWNS RAZED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Many Reported Killed and Injured in Affected Zone, But Wire Communication Is Lacking

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 20.—According to a report received by Presidente Durazo, of Agua Prieta, the Mexican towns of Grandes, Tuasbas and Opoto were razed by an earthquake about 9 o'clock last night. The Presidente was asked to send food and tents to the stricken zone. All three towns are located in Sonora, Mexico. Many were killed and injured, according to the reports.

Due to lack of communication only meagre reports have been received from the earthquake zone. Telephone and telegraph connections with Douglas extend only as far as Nacozari, and the towns reported destroyed are located approximately forty miles further south.

Several Douglas residents reported tonight that they felt a distinct earth tremor here about 9 o'clock last night.

Presidente Durazo announced that relief supplies would be shipped by train to Nacozari and taken from there by stage to the earthquake zone.

TO OVERCOME STATE OF WAR AT MEMEL

Former American Ambassador to Belgium Asked to Be President of Neutral Commission

PARIS, Dec. 20.—An official of the League of Nations will leave tomorrow for Cannes, bearing an official invitation to Brand Whitlock, former American ambassador to Belgium, to serve as president of the proposed neutral commission on Memel. The commission will endeavor to find a satisfactory solution of the controversy over Memel, which has been troubling Europe for years and which was finally thrown into the League of Nations on the ground that it threatened to disturb international relations.

A situation between Lithuania and Poland is replete with potential difficulties, as the Lithuanian government maintains that a state of war with Poland still exists because Lithuania never approved the decision of the Allied Council of Ambassadors turning over Vilna to Poland.

Lithuania deems Vilna her historic and legitimate capital and today her armies are stretched along the Vilna frontier face to face with the Polish legions.

Accidental Death

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—A coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Thomas O'Connor, secretary of H. J. Daly, president of the defunct Home Bank of Canada, tonight returned a verdict of accidental death, caused through a fall in his home, Saturday morning.

Food for Germany

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Shipment of $10,000,000 worth of food supplies by the United States Government to Germany is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Fish, New York. All purchases will be made in this country, and shipments made in American vessels.

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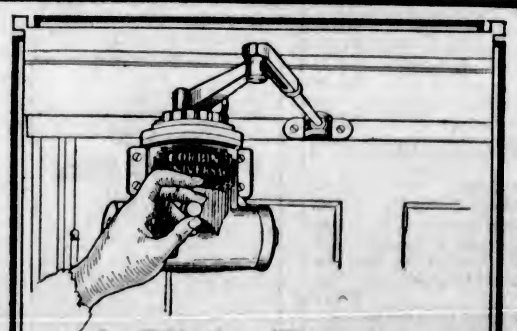

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WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY

Teresa Desmond ("Terry"), seven years old, left much to herself, believes in fairies and worships

Juliet Divine, the stage name of her beautiful half sister. "Jule" rides in a gorgeous car and talks of a millionaire.

Terence Desmond, their father, is caretaker of an estate on Long Island and had such-and-such taken place in Ireland years ago (he claimed) he would have been a lord. Julia's flippant talk about millionaires angers him—he is prone to rages.

Mary Desmond, Terry's mother and Julia's stepmother, fears "disgrace" in the latter's career.

Mrs. Peter Parmalee, owner of the house, wires that she is coming to spend a few days.

Betty Sheen, her 17-year granddaughter is coming with her.

Miles Sheridan is Betty's fiancée.

A Fond Father

"WHAT! I didn't suppose there was such an innocent left!" Nazio laughed. "But then I've never before come across a girl just out of a convent.

"You're a new experience, Miss Desmond. That means a good deal to a blase fellow like me! Do you understand the word—'blase'?"

"Yes. I learned French at the convent," Terry said.

Nazio beamed. Like most Greeks, he was a natural linguist, and it was pleasant to show off an accomplishment before a pretty girl who could appreciate it. He burst into fluent French, and Terry shyly answered in the same language. The nun who taught French in the convent was a Parisienne.

The girl's shyness came not from fear of Nazio as a man, but from distrust of herself, lest she should make some mistake and be ahamed in the eyes of a person so clever, so old

It had always struck her as strange since she came back to the Blue Moon that so many elderly men seemed to take an interest in young girls. Such whispered gossip as she had in the convent with other girls about "being in love" concerned itself with young men—"boys."

It hadn't yet occurred to her that the ageing men who brought pretty little painted things to the inn could be "in love" with them. They must put themselves to the trouble of escorting these young things and paying for their meals because they were their uncles, or friends of the family.

It was true, these faded old eyes could goggle at you in the same silly, fishlike way that boys' eyes had. Still, the poor old men couldn't, simply couldn't, be in love!

This Mr. Nazio wasn't exactly old, but he was elderly. It was interesting to speak French with him, and Terry would have liked the man if there hadn't been that funny flash in his eyes which gave her a little stab. In spite of the flash, however, she wanted to go in his automobile. She almost prayed that her father would say yes.

"Well, what about it, Mr. Desmond?" the Shoe King asked, dropping back into English. "Will you trust me to take your daughter for a blow?"

"Mighty nice of you to trouble over a little girl like her," Terrence answered jauntily. "And I'd like to give her the pleasure.

"I'm afraid, though, I can't spare her this evening. We're slack just now. But people are beginning to come in, and there's always a crowd later on."

The heat of his anger had died down, and his hopes had begun to rise, but he was 'too sharp'' to show his excitement. Desmond knew it would be bad policy to throw his daughter at Nazio's head.

"When did you say you meant to give your cashier a holiday?" the Greek smilingly persisted.

"I didn't mention any time, but as a matter of fact I was thinking of letting her off next week, and getting a regular cashier."

"Can't you give her an hour or so off now and then, before that?" Nazio was almost pleading.

"Very much afraid I couldn't, sir," replied Terrence gravely. But he chuckled within. The affair was going like smoke!

Terry was wildly excited the day when she was to know the joy of motoring. She had dreamed of it, and "played" that she was having it, so often! It seemed too good to be true that it was going to happen.

There was a new cashier in the restaurant since this morning, and at five o'clock Mr. Nazio would come for her. She felt almost happy for the first time since her mother's death. She couldn't help being just a little happy!

It was ten minutes to five; time to run downstairs, in case Mr. Nazio should be early. But the girl paused an instant before the tiny mirror that hung above her dressing-table.

She was in mourning, but to her surprise father had brought her a present from Oldport: a grey silk motor coat, and a toque to match.

Suddenly a picture of long ago painted itself in her brain; Jule, in a wonderful grey silk motor coast and veiled toque, sitting in the drawing-room at Silverwood. Why, she was nearly as old now as Jule had been then!

A pang of home sickness shot through her heart; a great longing for Julia's love! It seemed as if the Princess had forgotten her, these days!

She ran downstairs and into the restaurant, empty save for five or six couples. Desmond, who was instructing the new cashier, strolled over to Terry, at once escorting her to the door.

"Nazio'll be here any minute," he said. "Glad you won't keep him waiting. He's not the kind for that game."

"H'm! You're sort of easy to look at in that hat! Thought 'twould suit you. You can keep your end up, I guess, with any of the peaches Nazio knows, even the high society females he's in with since the war.

"But, see here, my girl, I'll give you the straight tip: Mind your p's and q's with this fine gentleman."

"What do you mean, Dad?" Terry questioned him, surprised; because Mr. Nazio was father's contemporary, if not his friend.

"Don't you understand plain English, as well as the French language? Anyhow, haven't you got a woman's instinct?"

"I don't know," stumbled the girl, ashamed of her denseness. "I'll behave politely, if that's what you mean."

"I mean a little more," Terrence caught her up. "Don't make yourself cheap. Let him squeeze your hand, but no kissing—see?

"Not unless he's popped the question, and I hardly think he'll get to that in the first round, if ever. Still, he might. It's up to you, I guess."

Terry stared. She was not a slow-witted girl, but the thought that Eustace Nazio might propose to marry her was so strange tha she couldn't take it in.

All she knew at the moment was that the pleasure of her excursion was spoiled. She had an impulse to turn, fly to her room, lock herself in, throw off the motor coat and hat and stamp on them. But at that moment the Rolls-Royce drew up before he door!

In tomorrow's instalment Nazio shows his hand and Terry receives a shock.

RECORD MAJORITY IS CLAIMED FOR BY-LAW

Mayor Hayward and Aldermen Are Unanimously in Favor of Amusement Centre Undertaking

Prediction that the Amusement Centre by-law, which the property owners of Victoria will vote upon on Saturday, December 29, will be carried by a greater majority than any by-law voted upon by local ratepayers in the past, was made by Alderman George Sangster, in speaking, yesterday noon, at the weekly luncheon gathering of the Victoria Rotary Club, in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium.

Mayor Hayward and other members of the 1924 City Council were guests at the meeting, and each, when introduced by Vice-President Rotarian Frank Sehl, was given an ovation.

In a brief message, Mayor Hayward told the Rotarians that Victoria would make no mistake by getting behind this Amusement Centre by-law. This undertaking, when completed, would be one of the finest things that the city could possibly have. The more the Canadian Pacific Railway invested in this community, and in this proposition, the more they would have to invest, he pointed out.

Alderman A. E. Todd, who has practically devoted his entire time during the past six weeks in negotiations with the railroad concern, urged every Rotarian and every citizen to make a point to read the Amusement Centre by-law and agreement over for themselves, and he said that if they did this, they could come to no other conclusion but that the good points overwhelmingly outweighed anything to the contrary.

A New Epoch In City

Alderman W. J. Sargent stated that the concessions given the C.P.R. for a period of two years, which were approved by the ratepayers, were the same that it is proposed to extend to the company for the next twenty years. He observed that Mr. Basil Gardom was staking his reputation on the success of this undertaking, and when a man of his standing was willing to do this, the citizens could safely support the project, which, the alderman declared, would introduce a new epoch to the life of Victoria.

That there had been a little accident, and he had not dined with the Rotarians last year, was the jocular comment which which Alderman-elect William Marchant prefaced his remarks, "but," he added, "I have a bigger appetite now." He confined his three-minute discourse to a discussion on the advantages of having all shades of public opinion reflected in the Council by the men elected and the views that they express and actions that they take.

Alderman-elect Gilbert D. Christie thanked the Rotarians and other citizens of the community for the confidence repcsed in him, and hoped to "do his bit" in promoting the best interests of the city.

The Rotarians extended congratulations to School Trustee Rotarian Alex. Peden upon his election to the Victoria School Board.

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S. P. C. A. MEETING

Friends of Society in Outside Districts Offer Services in Drive on Cruelty

The executive committee of the S. P. C. A. met on Tuesday, Mr. R. Hunter presiding. Considerable discussion took place regarding the proposed amalgamation of Canadian societies, the matter being left for further discussion.

The Local Council of Women notified the society that it entirely supported any efforts to eliminate cruelty in connection with the filming of moving pictures or showing of such pictures. Descriptions of the killing of the surplus buffalo herd at Wainwright have roused humane societies throughout Canada and the United States.

It is earnestly hoped that humanely inclined persons in country districts will endeavor to support the work of the local society by forming organizations or collecting funds which will enable the inspector to investigate cases in country districts. Mr. E. Olsan is kindly taking charge of the society's interests in the Holberg district, Major Tomlinson in Cowichan and Mr. Cozens in Alberni.

The inspector's monthly report indicated the following investigations and cases: Horses, 6; cats, 6 (5 destroyed); cows, 3; dogs, 5 (2 destroyed); goat, 1; miscellaneous calls, 2; inspection of markets and sale rooms, and visits to outlying places. For cases of cruelty telephone the inspector, 7619.

UNIQUE CLUB

The Unique Club held its 500 drive at Mrs. Fanthorpe's residence, 926 Fort Street, Tuesday evening. The prizewinners were: Mrs. Rossiter, Mrs. West, and consolation, Mrs. Freestone; Mr. Leeman, Mr. Fanthorpe, and consolation, Mr. Waller.

BAPTIST LADIES MEET

The Women's Union of the First Baptist Church held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the newly-elected president, Mrs. Spofford, presiding. A large number of ladies were present. Much interest was shown in the work for the coming year. Committees were struck under the convenorship of the following ladies: Evangelistic, Mrs. Beveridge; missionary, Mrs. Russell; visiting, Mrs. MacNeill; flowers, Mrs. W. Dinsmore; house and decorating, Mrs. Taylor; publicity, Mrs. Griffith; programme, Mrs. Agnew; finance, Mrs. Galbraith; refreshment, Mrs. Stewart.

After the conclusion of business, the meeting heard a short but delightful programme of musical and literary numbers by Miss M. Henley, a reader, who recently came to the city. Mrs. Watt, who possesses a beautiful rich, contralto voice, and Misses Kathryn Bradshaw and Carolyn Porter, two talented young violinists, accompanied by Miss Virtue Errington. At the close refreshments were served by the committee.

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Dent's Grey Mocha Pull-On Gloves of extra quality, prix seams, strap wrist and fleece-lined. Originally $3.25. Closing-Out Price, **$2.75**.

Dent's Brown Mocha Pull-On Gloves, with elastic wrist, fleece-lined and fur tops. Originally $4.25. Closing-Out Price, **$3.75**.

Fleece-Lined Suede Gloves. Originally $2.25. Closing-Out Price, **$1.75**.

Fur-Lined Suede Gloves, in grey and with wrist strap. Originally $5.50. Closing-Out Price, **$4.00**.

Grey Mocha Lined Gauntlet Gloves, with beaver edging. These are exceptionally smart gloves with prix seams and knitted wool lining. Originally $7.00. Closing-Out Price, **$5.60**.

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Realize what Kellogg's Bran means to your family's health?

Eaten regularly each day, Kellogg's Bran will permanently relieve constipation; it will free you from dangerous toxic poisons that lead to 90% of all human illness; it will remove the cause and sweeten a bad breath; it will clear a pimply complexion through its work on the bowels. In fact, Kellogg's Bran, through its natural action as a bulk, indigestible agent, will tone-up the whole system!

If you knew exactly what constipation means from a medical view-point you would lose no time eating Kellogg's Bran yourself and serving it daily to your family. And, Kellogg's is actually delicious, its nut-like flavor adding greatly to the enjoyment of eating cereals. Eat at least two tablespoonfuls each day; in chronic cases, with each meal.

There are many attractive ways to serve Kellogg's Bran. Eat it in winter with hot milk as a cereal. Or, mix it with cereals before serving. Many housewives cook it with cereals, in each case adding two tablespoonfuls for each person. You will also enjoy the nut-like flavor of Kellogg's Bran when it has been sprinkled over hot or cold cereals.

You have missed some of the joys of life if you have not eaten raisin bread, muffins, griddle-cakes, etc., made with Kellogg's Bran. Recipes are printed on each box.

Don't delay your fight against constipation; don't lose a minute in the great battle against illness! You can buy Kellogg's Bran from all grocers and you can have it served in individual packages at first-class hotels, restaurants and clubs.

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JUDGMENT RESERVED ON MURDER REWARD

Court Hears Evidence for Two Days as to Who Should Get $1,000 Offered by Province

Judgment was reserved by Judge Lampman yesterday in the issue referred to him by the Provincial Government for the purpose of awarding the sum of $1,000 offered by the Province for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Ernest Lionel Lorenz, who was shot and killed on Redfern Street, Oak Bay Avenue, just before midnight of February 28, last. The hearing occupied two days, and the services of three lawyers were necessary to set out the rival claims.

There were three claimants to the reward. Boaville Beaumont told the police on March 1 that he had seen two boys on bicycles on the night of the murder and near the scene of it. He gave a description of the boys, which tallied with that of Ronald Smith and Herbert Burton, of whom it was later established that Smith fired the fatal shot, and that Burton was with him for the purpose of making a hold-up.

Hans Klesow based his claim on the fact that he had informed the police on March 7 that Burton and Smith had broken into a second-hand store on the night before the murder, and had stolen a revolver; and that there was reason to believe that this was the revolver which killed Lorenz.

Ex-Detective Harry H. Macdonald, whose evidence was continued yesterday, said he got information on March 9 that Smith had killed Lorenz, and that he communicated this to Chief of Police John Fry and City Prosecutor Harrison. Chief Fry and Mr. Harrison confirmed this on the witness stand before Judge Lampman, and Mr. Harrison specially placed emphasis on the value of the services rendered by Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. H. A. Maclean, K.C., appeared for Mr. Beaumont; Mr. H. G. Lawson, for Mr. Klesow; and Mr. W. C. Moresby, for Mr. Macdonald. In their arguments, Messrs. Maclean and Lawson each agreed that the client of the other had given information of value; but they were also united in denial that Mr. Macdonald's information had led to the detection and punishment of the criminals. Mr. Moresby submitted, on the contrary, that there could have been no solution of the murder mystery without the information which was first given by Mr. Macdonald.

Tribute to Memory Of Late President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Issued "in tribute to the memory of one who gave the full measure of his talents and love to the service of his country," the first copies of a memorial volume to President Harding appeared here today in an edition de luxe of all the addresses made by Mr. Harding on his trip to the Pacific Coast and Alaska.

The edition is limited to 2,000 copies to be distributed as Christmas gifts by the group of personal and official friends of the late President, who defrayed the expense of publication. This group included President Coolidge, the members of the cabinet, Chief Justice Taft, Senator Lodge, Speaker Gillett, Will H. Hays, B. Fall, John T. Adams, Albert D. Lasker, George Harvey, Senator Cummins, Fred W. Upham, John Barton Payne, John Hays Hammond, Edward B. McLean, Charles G. Dawes and Warren R. Martin.

The volume ends with the last address which Mr. Harding wrote, and which his secretary, George B. Christian, read to the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California, at Los Angeles, less than three days before the President died.

For Christmas!

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SANTA'S RECEPTION EXTENDS TO EVENING

Jolly Old Gentleman Will Be "At Home" Tomorrow Night at Hudson's Bay Store

Santa Claus is a marvellous gentleman! For the past three weeks he has been appearing almost simultaneously at half a dozen different places about the city. This evening, between seven and nine o'clock, he will hold a special reception in Toytown, Hudson's Bay Company's store, in addition to his usual morning and afternoon receptions. This will enable parents who are unable to bring their children during the day to fetch the youngsters along and join in the fun.

Just how Santa knows what he does baffles everyone. Just now speculation is rife among the children who have been receiving little personally-directed notes from his letter-rack at the snow-covered igloo which he occupies in the Hudson's Bay Company's store. Up to date he has delivered addressed letters to nearly three thousand Victoria children. Peter Smith or Peggy Trotabout or Bunty Toddlealong—it is all the same! He knows them the minute they smile into his whiskered old face, and almost before they say their names he has his hand in the letter-box and fishes out the note which has been waiting for them—so he says—for the last two or three hours. It is all a mystery. But then Santa Claus is an amazingly clever magician.

Nineteen Windows

The merry-go-round in the big Hudson's Bay window at the corner of Douglas and Fisgard Streets, is a great attraction at the present time for the children, and scores of chubby fingers and still chubbier noses have been pressed excitedly against the glass nearly any hour since the thing went into operation. Besides the window is absolutely stuffed with toys of every kind.

However, this is only one of many windows. The H.B. Co. is the "Store of a Million Gifts," and just an idea of what is offered is found in the nineteen beautifully decorated windows containing ribbons and neckwear and scarves; groceries, nuts and candied fruits for the Christmas feast; men's things; furs, silver, writing-paper, gloves, hankerchiefs, lamps, coats, evening frocks and lingerie, things which make excellent displays in Spencer's, Gordon's, Drysdale's, Angus Campbell's and other stores.

Anticipating quite a rush in connection with the evening trade today, Saturday and Monday, the Hudson's Bay dining-room is to be kept open for a special dinner to be served from six o'clock on. This will be in addition to the regular mid-day luncheon and afternoon tea. The orchestra will play both in the afternoon and evening. The Company have decided, chiefly with a view to saving the staff as much as possible, that it is better to remain open for only three nights until 9:30 than for four nights until nine.

Shopping Early

"People have responded unusually well this year to the 'early shopping' request," said the manager of one of the big stores yesterday. The rush was well "on" at the beginning of the present week, and the shops seem united in the observation that there is a bigger number of shoppers out this year than last, although the sales may be somewhat smaller per capita than they were. It is worthy of note, in this connection, that Victoria's population has been bigger than it is at present.

All the business houses seem to have discovered, too, that there is a definite leaning toward the practical gift. Stores which handle furs record the sale of expensive coats, valued at from $400 down, neckpieces, etc., and there is an increasingly large number of buyers of less expensive things, of a practical nature, right down to the fifteen and ten-cent article for the kitchen or the toy to tuck in the toe of a stocking. Men, it is claimed by one firm, are getting much less shy about shopping, and are making quite a good stab at buying Christmas presents for their women relations and the children of the family. Christmas this year more than ever is being made the excuse for the purchase of some needed article for the wardrobe, and there is a rumor that Santa Claus is handing numbers of children some sensible gift from the Christmas tree—a coat, cap, muffler, shoes or something of that kind.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Special Programmes at All Regular Hours at Esquimalt Methodist Church This Week

Special services will be conducted at the Esquimalt Methodist Church on Sunday at all the regular hours. In the morning at 11 o'clock special music by the junior choir as follows: Choruses, "Angels From the Realms of Glory;" "Away in a Manger" and "There is a Song in the Air;" a Christmas story-sermon for the children by the pastor.

At the regular session of the Sunday School the junior choir will sing "Silent Night," and an address will be given, including a special Christmas programme arranged by the officers. This session is open to all. Parents and friends are invited.

The evening service will be fully choral, the order of service being: Hymn, "Hark the Glad Sound"; prayer; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," by Edwin Moore; lesson; solo, Miss E. Mutch, "Open the Gates of the Temple," by Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp; anthem, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," by Edwyn A. Clare; solo, Mrs. A. Walden, "Star of Bethlehem," by Stephen Adams; hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; sermon, by the pastor; solo, Mr. C. Wyle Biggs; hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; Miss E. Rowe, organist; Mr. J. Mutch, accompanist; Mr. Pimplott, conductor.

After the service the young people will go carol singing to adjacent homes.

Religious Addresses In Theatres Sunday

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 20.—With motion pictures and theatricals barred in their theatres here on Sunday, theatre owners today announced that on the evening of December 30 they would hold services in their theatres, consisting of "addresses on religious and educational topics and music." Instead of charging admission they will take up a collection. The Jersey City Clergy Community Club, which has opposed the opening of theatres on Sunday, will fight the plan, it was said. Theatres have been closed here on Sundays for many years.

Phone 1670—Private Exchange Connecting All Departments

More Practical Suggestions

From the Store of a Million Gifts

Make It an Electrical Christmas

The busy lady of a family, the girl at college, the recent bride, the business woman in her own apartment—how delighted any of them would be with an Electric Grill, Toaster, Percolator or Portable Heater. An Electric Heating Pad would comfort an old or frail person, while a small Vibrator or Hair Drier is something every woman wants.

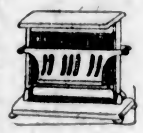
Cozy Glow Heaters
An ideal gift for any home, 12-inch polished copper reflector, full sized heating element and black enamelled base. Special at $9.75
Larger size $11.50

Hot Blast Electric Heaters
Something different from the ordinary. Made same as the Cozy Glow with polished nickel-plated reflector, and the whole enclosed in an attractive drum. Special at $7.95

Electric Lamps
For piano, desk or table, 12-inch flexible metallic arm, with heavy base of attractive design and holophone shade. Made in dull brass, antique copper or old ivory finish. Price $5.75

Imperial Electric Irons
Built specially for Hudson's Bay Company. Fully guaranteed in every particular; 6½ lbs. in weight. Evenly balanced and comfortable grip. The extended base gives a greater ironing surface. Complete with full length cord. $5.50

Electric Toasters
Beautifully finished Toasters, in polished nickel, with spring flap for holding the toast. Complete with full length cord $5.50
Westinghouse Vertical Toasters at, each $7.00
Hot Point Electric Toasters $7.00



Electric Hair Driers
Price $19.50
Electric Vibrators
Price $14.50
Violet Ray Machines
Prices ..... $15.00 and $23.95
—Lower Main Floor

Electric Water Heaters, for heating small quantities of water quickly, $1.50
Electric Heating Pads
Prices ..... $12.00 and $16.50

Christmas Groceries

Delivered to Your Door

Owing to the store being closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday next, we respectfully suggest to patrons the necessity of laying in sufficient supplies to last over until Thursday. The store will remain open until 9:30 Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings.

Hudson's Bay Company's Seal of Quality Creamery Butter, per lb. ..... 49¢
3 lbs. for $1.45
No. 1 Quality Creamery Butter, lb. ..... 47¢
3 lbs. for $1.38
Finest Quality Pure Bulk Lard, lb. ..... 20¢
3 lbs. for ..... 58¢
Selected Smoked Picnic Hams, lb. ..... 20¢
Selected Smoked Cottage Rolls, lb. ..... 23¢
Sweet Pickled Picnic Hams, per lb. ..... 19¢
Sweet Pickled Cottage Rolls, per lb. ..... 21¢
Mild Canadian Cheese, per lb. ..... 30¢
Little Pig Pork Sausages, per lb. ..... 25¢
Swift's Premium Hams, Christmas wrapped, per lb. ..... 38¢
Prime Mild Cured Hams, per lb. ..... 34¢
Freshly Killed Turkeys, per lb., ... 28¢
and ..... 30¢
Milk Fed Chickens, per lb. ..... 40¢
Finest Boiling Fowl, per lb. ..... 30¢
Locally Raised Geese, per lb. ..... 30¢
Hudson's Bay Company's Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. ..... 55¢
3 lbs. for $1.60
Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, per lb. ..... 35¢
3 lbs. for $1.00
Very Fine Quality Pure Cocoa, lb. ..... 12¢
3 lbs. for ..... 35¢
Finest Quality B.C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper sack $2.05
Christmas Trees delivered to any address within the city limits. Each $1.00
and $1.25
Thorpe's Soda Water Syphons, each ..... 20¢
A deposit required on container, which is refunded on return.

One-Day Special on High-Grade Quality Nuts

Choice Mixed Nuts, containing new season's Walnuts, Tarragona Almonds, Sicily Filberts, Brazils and Roasted Peanuts. Special ..... 3 lbs. for 55¢

A superior grade of Mixed Nuts, consisting of No. 1 California soft shelled walnuts, Tarragona almonds, Sicily filberts, large washed Brazils, red polished pecans and Italian chestnuts. Special, per lb. ..... 28¢
2 lbs. for ..... 55¢

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

New Navel Oranges, per dozen, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and ..... 60¢
Japanese Oranges, per box ..... 45¢
Large Florida Grapefruit, each ..... 15¢
California Grapefruit ..... 3 for 25¢
Fancy Almeria Grapes, per lb. ..... 35¢
Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. ..... 25¢
Large Juicy Sunkist Lemons, doz. ..... 30¢
Local Hothouse Tomatoes, per lb. ..... 35¢
Finest Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb. ..... 25¢
Fresh Spinach ..... 4 lbs. for 25¢
Brussels Sprouts ..... 3 lbs. for 25¢
Green and White Cabbage ..... 6 lbs. for 25¢
Fresh Leeks ..... 3 bundles for 10¢
—Lower Main Floor

A Special in Carpet Sweepers
15 only, Full Size Carpet Sweepers, in beautiful mahogany finish. Although low in price, these Sweepers will do the same work as a much more expensive machine. Would make an acceptable gift to any home. Special at $2.98
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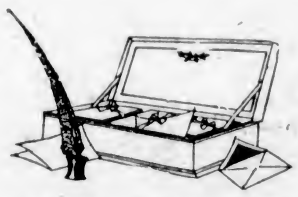

Boxed Stationery for Christmas Gifts

Highland Linen Stationery Box
Contains 1 quire of notepaper and envelopes to match, lined in blue, pink and mauve. Per box $1.95
Highland Linen Stationery in Cabinet
Contains 1 quire of notepaper with envelopes to match, also 24 gilt edged correspondence cards and envelopes. Shown in pink, blue and grey. Per cabinet $2.75
Stationery Cabinet
Contains 3 quire of notepaper with envelopes to match, in white only. Per cabinet, $3.75
French Organdie Stationery in Cabinet
Contains 2 quires of white notepaper with envelopes to match, also 24 gilt edged correspondence cards with envelopes, quill pen in each cabinet. Per cabinet $5.00
—Main Floor

Brushes and Brush Sets In Gift Boxes

French Ivory Hair Brushes, $3.50 to $12.00
French Ivory Military Brushes ..... $5.00, $10.00 and $15.00
French Ivory Bonnet Brushes ..... $1.75 to $2.25
Genuine Ebony Hair Brushes ..... $2.50 to $8.00
Genuine Ebony Military Brushes ..... $3.00 to $12.00
Genuine Ebony Cloth Brushes ..... $1.00 to $5.00
Boys' Military Brushes, $2.50 to $5.00
Hygienic Hand Brushes, $1.50 to $3.00
Shaving Brushes, from 75¢ to $4.50
Brush and Comb Sets, $5.00 to $25.00
Shaving and Nail Brush Set ..... $2.75 and $3.50
Baby Brushes, from $1.00 to $2.00
Baby Brush Sets, $1.50 to $5.00
—Main Floor

Handbags and Purses for Gift Giving

Handbags
In fine quality black leather, also brown and fawn suede, neatly lined with corded silk; contains inside purse and mirror, strong metal frame and strap handle. Prices ..... $5.50 and $5.95
French Suede Handbags
Pouch shape, with novelty strap handle, neatly lined inside with silk and fitted with purse and mirror; shown in black; smartly finished with white. Price $4.95
Silk Moire Handbags
Pouch shape, with metal top and moire strap handle, lined inside with silk and fitted with change purse and mirror. Come in black, brown and navy. Prices, $7.50, $9.50 and $10.00
Purses
In two sizes, envelope shape; made of exceptionally fine quality suede in plain and grained effects; a seven compartment purse in black, grey and tan shades. Prices, $2.50 and $4.95
—Main Floor

Christmas Seals and Tags

Enclosure Cards
In holly and other designs. Packet ..... 20¢
Christmas Crepe Paper
In holly, poinsettia and Santa Claus designs. Packet, 35¢, 50¢
Stickers
With Santa Claus, etc. Per box ..... 10¢ and ..... 50¢
Tags
In poinsettia, Santa Claus, etc. Per packet, 15¢ and ..... 20¢
Tying-On Labels
Per box, 10¢, 15¢ and ..... 20¢
Seals
In poinsettia, animal and many other designs. Per packet, 15¢ and ..... 20¢
—Main Floor

Special Sale of English Suitcases, Kit Bags and Attache Cases

A delayed shipment of English Baggage just came to hand, and marked at much less than regular prices. A Suitcase or Handbag would make a most appropriate gift for Xmas.

Plain Brown Cowhide Suitcases
22-Inch size, Sale Price $14.95
24-Inch size, Sale Price $15.95
26-Inch size, Sale Price $16.95
Two Specials in All-Leather Black Club Bags
Leather lined; these are exceptional values.
18-Inch size, Special $10.00
20-Inch size, Special $13.95
Double Lock Solid Leather Attache Cases
13-Inch size, Sale Price $4.95
15-Inch size, Sale Price $5.95
17-Inch size, Sale Price $6.95
Brown Grained Cowhide Kit Bags
16-Inch size, Sale Price $15.95
18-Inch size, Sale Price $17.95
20-Inch size, Sale Price $19.50
—Lower Main Floor

The Sporting Goods Section Solves Many Gift Problems

Boys' Footballs, $2.00 and $2.25
Ball Bearing Roller Skates $4.25
Plain Bearing Roller Skates $2.00
Boys' and Youths' Boxing Gloves, $4.50 and $4.95
Ice Skates for Boys, $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50
"Westclox" Pocket Ben Watches, $2.00
Boys' Flashlights $2.05
500-Foot Range Spotlights, ideal for the car ..... $4.60 and $5.10
Spalding, Dunlop and Hudson's Bay Golf Balls
A box of any of these golf balls would be appreciated by the golfer. Per dozen ..... $8.00 and $9.50
Boys' Hockey Sticks ..... 50¢
Boys' Hockey Pucks, 15¢ and 25¢
Pract-o-Put
The sensation of the season. A new parlor or lawn game that everyone can play. Complete $4.95
H. B. Dimple
The Golf Ball supreme, a gift that any golfer would appreciate. Heavily enameled on a tough cover that will stand a lot of punishment. Per box of 12 ..... $8.00
Each ..... 70¢
Or ..... 3 for $2.00
—Lower Main Floor

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Open Evenings Until Christmas Commencing Today

Instead of remaining open until 9 o'clock four evenings, our decision to remain open until 9:30 for three evenings only will, we believe, prove a greater convenience to the buying public, at the same time proving less of a hardship on our sales staff. In view of the extra work entailed by the Christmas rush, the store management has decided to close all day Wednesday as well as on Christmas Day, thus giving our entire staff two full days' holiday.

A Subscription to Our Library

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—Mezzanine Floor

A GIFT CERTIFICATE

—will solve many a gift problem. These may be obtained from our Information Bureau on the Mezzanine Floor.

SANTA CLAUS

—will be at home to the children in Toyland this morning from 10 to 12; in the afternoon from 3 to 5; and in the evening from 7 to 9. Come and visit him at his Igloo, that funny little house of ice and snow similar to the one he lives in when at the North Pole.

See Our Wonderful Window Displays

Nineteen windows, each one full of practical gift suggestions—gifts for father, gifts for mother, and gifts for every member of the family. Bring the children to see the dolls, merry-go-round and the wonderful toy displays.

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Useful Gifts in Simple Designs Requiring Very Little Work.

Stamped Guest Towels ..... 50¢
Stamped Linen Aprons ..... 65¢
Stamped Unbleached Aprons ..... 39¢
Stamped Tea Coseys ..... 50¢
Stamped Aprons for Children ..... 50¢
Stamped Flame-Colored Crepe Refreshment Sets ..... 50¢
—Mezzanine Floor

Women's and Children's Gift Gloves

Hudsonia French Kid Gloves
With two dome fasteners, pique sewn. In all the wanted shades. Sizes 5¾ to 7½. Per pair, **$2.50**

Empress Kid Gloves
Extra fine quality skins, with two dome fasteners and fancy embroidered points, pique sewn. All shades. Sizes 5¾ to 7½. Per pair **$3.00**

English Cape Skin Gloves
With two dome fasteners, good quality skins, in tan shade only. Sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair **$2.25**

Cape Skin Novelty Gloves
With turn-back cuffs, in grey, brown and beaver. Sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair **$3.50**

Silk Lined Cape Skin Gloves
With two dome fasteners, pique sewn, self points. In grey or brown shades. Sizes 5¾ to 7. Per pair **$2.95**

Silk Lined French Suede Gloves
Pique sewn, embroidered points, with two dome fasteners. In brown and grey. Sizes 5¾ to 7½. Per pair **$3.50**

"Dent's" Mocha Gauntlets
With strap wrist, pique sewn seams, self points. In beaver shade only. Sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair **$1.95**

Children's Cape Skin Gloves
With one dome fastener, self points. In grey or tan shades.
Sizes 00 to 2, per pair **$1.50**
Sizes 3 to 6, per pair **$1.75**
—Main Floor

Women's Gift Hose

Ribbed Silk Hose
English made heavy ribbed fibre Silk Hose with cashmere tops, reinforced heels and toes. In black, white, grey, smoke, brown and coating shades. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$1.75**

Pure Thread Silk Hose
Heavy Quality Pure Thread Silk Hose, with lisle suspender tops, plain hem or ribbed tops, lisle toes and heels. In black, white, grey, fawn, brown, nude and beaver. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$2.00**

Silk Hose With Pointed Heels
"Harvey" Silk Hose, with pointed heels, lisle tops, toes and heels. In black and all the wanted shades. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$2.00**

Silk Hose With Clocks
Pure Thread Silk Hose, with two-tone contrasting clocks. In black, grey, white, brown and beaver. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$2.50**

Full Fashioned Silk Hose
Heavy Quality Thread Silk Hose, full fashioned. In black and all wanted shades. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$2.75**

Pure Silk Hose
Full Fashioned All-Silk Hose, with French clocks. In black only. Sizes 8½ to 10. At, per pair **$4.50**
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Tall Floor Lamps
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With silk shades in a variety of colors. Price complete **$31.00**

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In mahogany finish, with adjustable metal headpiece and fancy silk shade. Complete for **$23.50**

Bridge or Chesterfield Lamps
In black wrought iron, gilt decorated, adjustable to height or angle of light, complete with shade of aeroplane linen, hand decorated and studded with fine glass beads. Complete for **$22.50**

Separate Standards
For floor lamps, in mahogany finish. Complete with best quality electrical fittings. Price **$13.50**

Separate Standards
In black or polychrome finish, with heavily weighted base, double chain pull sockets with long silk cords and tassels. Price **$21.00**

Special Wrought-Iron Bridge or Chesterfield Lamps
Complete with art decorated shades. Each **$7.95**
—4th Floor

Special Full-Course Evening Dinner at 75c

Will be served today from 6 to 8:30.
Make your reservations. Phone 1670. Restaurant, 4th Floor.
Full Course Luncheons at 50c, served from 11:30 to 2:30
Delicious Afternoon Teas from 3 to 5:30.
Orchestral Selections Afternoon and Evening.

Let This Be a Hoover Xmas—$5 Down and $5 a Month

Such liberal terms have never been offered before. Do not let this trifling sum keep you from owning the finest electrical vacuum sweeper in the world. Phone 1670 for a free demonstration in your own home on one of your own rugs.

Friday Morning Special, 9 to 11:30

Women's Knitted Silk Scarves

Handsome Striped Silk Scarves, in black and white and colored stripes; also plain shades. Values $4.95, $5.50 and $6.50. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 ..... **$3.75**
—Main Floor

Fur-Trimmed Coats Special at $15.95

Tailored in the newest Winter models. Made from good quality blanket cloth and velour in wrap-around style, with collars of beaverine trimmed with cable stitching; full lined. In fawn, brown, reindeer, blue and navy shades. Sizes to 40. Special at **$15.95**
—2nd Floor

Sports Skirts Extra Special Value at $5.95

A good assortment of Sports Skirts in wool crepe and Poiret twill, in plain shades of reindeer, brown, fawn and zinc. They are shown in box and double pleated styles, and finished at waist line with narrow belt. Suitable to wear with jacquettes and jumper waists. Sizes 25 to 28. Special at **$5.95**
—2nd Floor

Friday Morning Special

Women's Gift Slippers

In Snugs and Kosy Korner brands, ribbon trimmed, with turn-over cuff. In the popular shades. Sizes 3 to 7. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30, per pair **98c**
—Main Floor

Women's Wool Scarves Make Ideal Gifts

Soft Fleecy Scarves of good size, with fringed ends. In shades of nigger, grey, purple and black. Very Special, at, each, **98c**
—2nd Floor

Women's Silk Knickers

Made from splendid quality artificial silk, "British make," guaranteed unshrinkable. Well made garments with gusset, elastic at waist and knee. Come in shades of taupe and navy; also black. In medium and out-sizes. Excellent value at, per pair **$3.98**
—2nd Floor

Friday Morning Special

Women's Cape Skin Gloves

Cape Skin Novelty Gloves, with one dome fastener, pique sewn, black embroidered points, with black turn-back cuffs. In grey, brown and beaver shades. Sizes 6 to 7. Value $3.50. In neat gift boxes. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30, per pair **$2.49**
—Main Floor

Toys at These Low Prices Easy to Buy

100 Strongly Constructed Elephant Toys
Very realistic, can be filled with candy. Special at, each ..... **25¢**

Folding Doll Cabs
Cute little four-wheel doll cabs. Special at, each ..... **95¢**

Large Size Wood Doll Beds
With canopy top, a limited number of these; you will wonder how they can be manufactured for this low price **$1.19**

Duck and Swan Shoo Fly Rockers
Strongly made. Price **$1.19**

Large Size Children's Best Story Books
A great big book, easy to read. Price **$1.25**

A Wonderful Showing of Toy Blocks
Prices from ..... **15¢** to **95¢**

Toy Tin Horns, Wood Horns, Brass Horns and Trombones
A big selection to choose from. Prices ..... **10¢** to **95¢**

Toy Tea Sets
Wonderful value ..... **25¢** and **50¢**

Checkers and Dominoes
In many styles. Prices, **10¢** to ..... **65¢**

Frosted Santa Claus
For the Christmas tree ..... **25¢**

Meccano
Don't forget a Meccano set for the boys. All pieces from No. 1 to No. 5. Prices ..... **$3.00** to **$20.00**
—Lower Main Floor

Toiletries That Make Acceptable Xmas Gifts

Du Barry Bath Crystals. Price, per bottle **$1.00**
Du Barry Bath Crystals, assorted tubes **$1.25**
Du Barry Bath Tablets, **$1.00** and **$2.00**
Du Barry Bath Shampoo, assorted tubes. Per box **$1.00**
Du Barry Crystal Soap, beautifully wrapped. Per cake ..... **40¢**
Yardley Compacts, **$1.50**, **$1.75**
Hudnut's Double Compacts **$2.00**
Colgate's Gunmetal Compacts, **$1.00** and **$2.00**
Coty's Face Powder **$1.25**
Coty's Compacts ..... **75¢**
Coty's Talcum Powder **$1.25**
Houbigant's Perfume, in flagonettes **$1.00**
English Powder Puffs, wonderful creations ..... **50¢** to **$3.50**
—Main Floor

Dainty Gift Neckwear

A Nice Collar and Cuff Set, a collar or a frilly cascade vestee would make a very acceptable Christmas gift. Come and look over our assortment. All in dainty gift boxes. Prices, **50¢** to **$4.95**
—Main Floor

A Morning Special in Glove-Silk Hosiery

Ksyser, Queen Quality and Niagara Maid Glove Silk Hose, with reinforced heels and toes, in black, white, grey, beaver, brown, navy and silver. Values $4.00 and $4.50. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 Per pair **$2.69**
—Main Floor

Perfume Atomizers

A limited quantity of these Devilbis Sprays in pretty frosted design. Regular value $1.50. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 ..... **$1.18**
Limit, One to a Customer
—Main Floor

Xmas Sale of Fancy China

Beautiful Plain Fruit Sets
In rose, blue and canary colors; 7 pieces, **$1.95**

Royal Doulton Teapots
Value $6.75. Sale Price at **$5.00**

Royal Doulton Cups and Saucers
Regular values to $2.95. Sale Price **$1.95**

Royal Doulton Sugars and Creams
Values $6.75 to $8.50. Sale Price **$5.00**

Royal Doulton Berry Sets
Value $12.50. Sale Price at **$9.00**

White and Gold Dinner and Tea Set
52 Pieces English Ware, in handsome new shapes. Value $17.95. Sale Price **$12.95**

Glass Decorated Candy Jars With Covers
Value $3.95. Sale Price at **$2.95**

Odd Pieces in Handsome Moorcraft Vases
Sale Prices, **$4.00**, **$4.50** and **$4.95**

Fine English China Cups and Saucers
About eight decorations in this assortment. An inexpensive Christmas gift always appreciated. Values to $1.00. Sale Price, each ..... **49¢**
—Lower Main Floor

Friday Morning Special in Toytown

150 Dapple Grey Horses, on wheels, and 100 Cute Little Dolls on sleighs. Values to 95c. This Morning's Special, 9 to 11:30, or as long as they last **49c**
—Toytown, Lower Main Floor

Gift Blouses at Special Prices

Tricolette Over-Blouses
Nice quality silk tricolette in drop-stitch effect, round neck and kimono sleeves, hip band fastens at side with tie sash; in shades of grey, sand, brown, navy and black Special at, each **$2.98**
—2nd Floor

Dainty Voile Over-Blouses, with round neck or Peter Pan collar, fronts neatly embroidered, short sleeves, also tuck-in styles with high collar, finished with black satin, ribbon band, front neatly tucked, long sleeves. Special at, each **$2.98**
—2nd Floor

Friday Morning Special

Novelty Gift Aprons

Styles to suit everyone. Made from factory cotton trimmed with chintz, neat applique work and rick rack braid. Black sateen aprons, trimmed with colored piping, pockets neatly embroidered. Only two to a customer. Values to $1.69. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 ..... **98c**
—2nd Floor

Fancy Turkish Towels in Gift Boxes

High-Grade Fancy Turkish Towels, finished with colored ends, in blue, pink, gold and helio. Value $1.50. Special at, each **98c**
—Main Floor

Pure Linen Cloths and Napkins

The housewife who takes a pride in the appearance of her table will greatly appreciate a gift of these pure Irish Linen Cloths and Napkins.
Size 72 by 72. Price **$6.98**
Size 72 by 90. Price **$7.98**
Size 90 by 108. Price **$9.75**
Napkins, size 24 by 24. Dozen, **$6.98**
—Main Floor

Two Morning Specials From the Staple Section

White Marcella Bedspreads
Snow White English Marcella Bedspreads of fine texture and in designs which show up clearly. Sizes 68 by 86 and 72 by 90. Value $6.00. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 ..... **$4.98**

White Turkish Towels
White Turkish Bath Towels, with a closely woven pile and excellent drying quality; size 23 by 48. Value $1.00. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 ..... **69c**
—Main Floor

Men's Gift Mufflers

Knitted Art Silk Mufflers
An ideal Christmas gift for any man. In smart grey, blue and brown shades in fancy knit effect. In neat gift boxes. Value $3.00. Special at, each **$2.49**

Knitted Art Silk Mufflers
All new stock in the smart contrasting colored stripes. Give him one for Christmas. Value $4.00. Special at, each **$3.35**
—Main Floor

Morning Special in Men's House Coats

4 only, in dark green shade, smart shawl collar, piped and braided; sizes 36, 38, 40 and 42; value $10.00. Morning Special, 9 to 11:30 ..... **$5.95**
—Main Floor

Hour Specials This Evening

Each One of the Following Items a Practical Gift Suggestion

On Sale From 7 to 8 o'Clock

FOUNTAIN PENS
Self-filling, vulcanite, nicely chased Fountain Pens, with gold-plated nib. Useful for office, High School and general use. Value $1.00. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8 ..... **59¢**
—Main Floor

WOMEN'S HANDBAGS AND STRAP PURSES
Women's Leather Handbags and Strap Purses, best English and European makes, in black, brown, tan and grey shades. Values to $17.50. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8 ..... **$13.50**
Values to $25.00. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8 ..... **$19.95**
—Main Floor

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS
English Imported Quality Felt Slippers in ankle strap style, stout soles of felt and leather; ideal service slippers; sizes 8 to 10. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8, per pair ..... **89¢**
—Main Floor

BLACK PAILETTE SILK
A blouse or dress length of this rich black silk will make a most acceptable gift; 36 inches wide. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8, per yard **$1.19**
—Main Floor

CIGAR SPECIAL
First Consul Cigars, a fragrant and satisfying smoke, in all strengths and 25 cigars to a box. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8, per box **$1.13**
No More Than One Box to a Customer.
—Main Floor

MEN'S CRAFTANA SOCKS
Fine Ribbed Cashmere Socks, in the famous Craftana make, in black only; sizes 9½ to 11½. Value $1.00. Evening Hour Special, 7 to 8, per pair ..... **79¢**
—Main Floor

On Sale From 8 to 9 o'Clock

MAHOGANY SMOKERS' TRAYS
Mahogany Smokers' Trays, with glass lining and metal match holder. Value $2.25. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **$1.39**
—4th Floor

GENUINE THERMOS BOTTLES
Thermos Bottles, in all-metal, nickel-plated cases, in the following sizes:
1-Pint size. Value $2.50. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **$1.95**
1½-Pint size. Value $3.50. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **$2.95**
1-Quart size. Value $4.50. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **$3.50**
—Lower Main Floor

WOMEN'S DRESSING GOWNS
Warm Cosy Dressing Gowns of beacon robing, in a choice assortment of colorings and designs. Only one to a customer. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9, each **$4.98**
—2nd Floor

BOYS' WOOL GLOVES
English knit, in pure wool, in grey and heather shades only; sizes 4 to 14 years. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9, pair, **35¢**
—Main Floor

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' TAILORED AND SPORTS DRESSES
Tailored and Sports Dresses in straight line models, shown with new necks, half and three-quarter length sleeves, narrow belts, in black, navy, rose, green, red, canna and other shades; sizes to 40. Values to $15.00. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **$8.95**
—2nd Floor

HIGH-GRADE PERFUMES
In fancy bottles, daintily boxed. Values $1.50 and $1.75. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **98¢**
—Main Floor

BIG GROUP OF TOYS AT 75c.
Including Chic Chic, Model Village and Royal Parchesi Games, Toy Dishes, China and Aluminum Sets, Musical Toys, Teddy Bears, Etc. Values to $1.25. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 ..... **75¢**
—Lower Main Floor

Men's Superfine Lawn Handkerchiefs

With neat hemstitched border, in neat folders. Value 20c. Special at
3 for 50c

Men's "Excelda" Handkerchiefs with colored borders. Regular value 20c. Special at
3 for 50c
—Main Floor

Men's English Pyjamas

Made from heavy quality cotton flannel substitute, in smart new colored stripes; comfortable and unshrinkable; all sizes. Values to $4.00. Special at **$3.35**
—Main Floor

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Vancouverites and Victoria Amateurs Play Here Tonight

Frank Chester Will Lead All-Star Aggregation Across Gulf to Clash With Cy Paxton's Hopefuls—Local Club Hopes to Check Mainlanders' Winning Streak—Good Crowd Expected to See Game

THE Victoria and Vancouver simon pures will engage in deadly conflict tonight at the Willows arena, and the chances are that the battle will be a hard-fought struggle from start to finish. Frank Chester is bringing a doughty bunch of ice dogs over from the Mainland centre to try conclusions with the men of Victoria, and just what will happen is really hard to accurately foretell. Confidence reigns in the rival camps, and the tussle will get under way at 8:30, when Gordon Meeking, official arbiter of the Victoria Senior Amateur Hockey League, drops the rubber in the centre of the pond, and the teams fly at one another.

The visitors will be an all-star aggregation, wearing the colors of the Vancouver "Nationals," and playing under the captaincy of Frank Chester. The Mainlanders are an outfit that will require constant watching, and they will be over here fully convinced that they can take the measure of the best in the way of amateur talent that this fair community can muster. They realize that a win would give them the coveted Wilkerson trophy, and they are going to leave nothing undone to seize this prize for the Terminal City.

Vancouver Leaders

The local simon pures have to date won one match, and lost two. Seattle has won one, and lost two. Vancover has won one, and lost none. If the Victoria tribe wins tonight and Vancouver loses on Monday, when Seattle plays against them in the Terminal City, Victoria and Vancouver would be tied for the honors, each team having four points to their credit. However, if Victoria wins tonight, and Seattle on Monday, all three Coast cities would be on even terms, each possessing four points. However, if the Mainlanders win either one of their next two matches, they will capture the Wilkerson Cup without question.

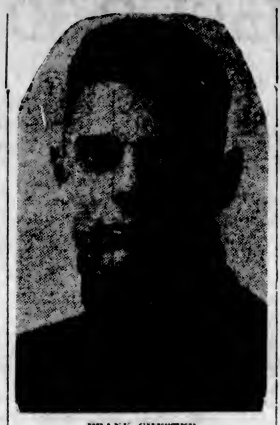
Interest in tonight's hockey conflict is keen, and a large crowd of railbirds will undoubtedly be on hand to give their favorites every encouragement. The local boys do not feel depressed over their defeat at Vancouver's hands on Monday evening last, but believe that they will be able to turn the tables on the invaders when they take to the Willows pond this evening. The Victoria All-Stars, managed by Cy Paxton, are going out tonight to win at all costs, and they will be fighting hard over the entire route.

Expect Interesting Time

The home club does not think that it will be able to clinch victory as easily as it did last Friday night, when it blanked the Americans to the tune of five tallies to nil. It is prepared, however, for a warm time, and will not relax in its efforts to bring home the bacon, and boost this city's chances of winning the first championship of the intercity series for the Wilkerson Cup on the Coast.

Either Alex. Stralth or Victor Gravlin will hold down the local citadel, while the defence will be chosen from Hughie Burnett, H. O. English and Roy Copas, with the strong likelihood of all of them getting into the competition during the evening. The forwards will be picked from Russell, Oatman, Tuckwell, Ross Miller, Harry Smith, Hewer, Temple, and others.

As this will be the last of the intercity contests between the amateur squads, officials of the local league are anxious for a large attendance, and undoubtedly they will not be disappointed in their desires. Both the teams are capable of putting up a good game, and the fans will go out to the Arena in the hope of seeing a good, cleanly-contested match.



FRANK CHESTER

The skipper of the Mainland crew which will perform on local ice tonight. The Vancouver puckchasers are a tough crowd to stack up against, and Chester believes that his sextette will turn the trick handily at the Willows tonight. This view is not held in local quarters, but you never can tell what the outcome will be. The visitors' captain is one of the stars of the aggregation, and will likely keep the local amateurs busy the majority of the time.

RUGBY INTEREST WELL MAINTAINED

LEAGUES ARE DECIDED, BUT "REP" TEAMS BUSY

Nanaimo Will Be Here Saturday Week, and Varsity Week Following—Intermediates Engaged

The next important rugby event here will be the intercity match on December 29, between Victoria and Nanaimo. On the following Saturday the University of B.C. will be over to try conclusions with the local "reps." On January 12 the winners of the Mainland League will come here from Vancouver to play the J.B.A.A., winners of the local league, for the Rounsfel Cup and the British Columbia club championship.

Arrangements have not yet been completed for the intermediate series between Victoria and Vancouver, but it is expected that the Wanderers, who have won the local Intermediate League, will go to Vancouver on December 29 and will be playing in a return engagement on January 19.

TIJUANA RACING

TIJUANA, Mex., Dec. 20.—Following in the summary of today's racing:

First race, one mile and seventy yards—1, The Desert, 111 (Fator); 2, Toombeola, 111 (O'Donnell); 3, Double Van, 111 (Mein). Also ran: Dove's Roost, Jolly Sailor, Olympiad, Counsel, Every Woman, Mr. X. Scratches: El Roble, Martha L., The Gallant. Time: 1:48 2-5.

Second race, one mile and one-sixteenth—1, Peter Pierson, 99 (Wood); 2, Bacchus, 106 (Baker); 3, Scraps, 104 (McKnight). Also ran: The Wax, Cavalcadour II, Rustlcator, Sea Mint, Jordan. No scratches. Time: 1:52 1-5.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile—1, Little Clair, 112 (Sharpe); 2, Chestnut Girl, 99 (Wood); 3, Wiki Jack, 112 (Horn). Also ran: Convent, Little Thistle, Whiff, Overshot, Great Finisher, Jean Melville, Seth's Memory, Settee, Charlotte B., Pretty Molly. Scratches: Black Shasta. Time: 1:14 3-5.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs—1, Spread Eagle, 117 (Lavine); 2, Lisette, 112 (Doyle); 3, Tikeh, 112 (Mein). Also ran: Pavlowa, Manniken II, Little B. Sheep, Dick Turpin. Scratches: Fast Boy, Ginger. Time: 1:09.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile—1, Ten Buttons, 104 (Clarke); 2, Jack Bauer, 101 (Wood); 3, Bullet Proof, 109 (Sharpe). Also ran: Bayonet, The Dictator. Scratches: Great Luck, Fighting Cock. Time: 1:14 2-5.

Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards—1, Devonite, 103 (McKnight); 2, Monardella, 105 (Walls); 3, Dainty Lady, 100 (Clarke). Also ran: Booneville, Apricot, Theresa, Dr. Gilbert. Scratches: Flame. Time: 1:48 3-5.

Seventh race, five and a half furlongs—1, San Hedron, 109 (Neal); 2, Icon, 112 (Wood); 3, Dapper Dan, 114 (O'Donnell). Also ran: Seven Seas, Hobey Baker, Van Loo, Yukon, Careen, Welga, Dun Sandel, My Laddie. Scratches: Billy Gibson, Dorf Aryl, Rosa Atkin. Time: 1:09 1-5.

The track was clear and heavy.

Overnight Entries

First race, one mile and seventy yards—Welga, 100; Ca:, 103; Fly Cast, 105; Geo. Muehlbach, 105; Fair Virginia, 105; Judge David, 106; Modiste, 106; Poacher, 106; Water Willow, 106; Col. Lil, 108; Yermak, 111; Bessie Young, 111.

Second race, five furlongs—Odeon, 94; Star Cloudy, 103; Insurance, 103; Seth's Alibi, 106; A. Lester, 106; Brandies, 107; Fullanti, 107; Bossman, 108; Queen Catherine, 112; Norwood, 113.

Third race, one mile and seventy yards—Billy Gibson, 97; Lady Ines, 105; Tule, 105; Woodie Montgomery, 105; Wedding Prince, 107; Summer Sigh, 110; Manniken II, 112; Ballot Car, 113.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Ramo, 103; *Provident, 105; Cherokee Lee, 105; Rock and Rye, 105; *Program, 108; Deep Thought, 108; Nayarit, 112.

*Apellant entry.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Virginius, 107; Great Luck, 107; Be Frank, 110; Judge Pryor, 110; Wild Heather, 110; War Zone, 110; Mokihana, 120.

Sixth race, one mile and one-eighth—Chiva, 98; The Falconer, 102; Dorius, 103; Cruzern, 103; Blarney Stone, 105; Wynnewood, 110.

Seventh race, four and a half furlongs—Hilarity, 103; Motor Cop, 110; Occidenta, 112; Hillsdale, 112; Dr. Corbett, 112; Honest George, 112; Sedge, 116.

Eighth race, five and a half furlongs—Havana Electric, 103; Harry D., 104; Mart Bunch, 104; Sweet and Low, 104; Dr. Johnson, 107; Lady Tiptoe, 109; Duc De Guise, 109; Melody Man, 109; Angela, 109; C. A. Comisky, 109; Miss Emma G., 111; Zinda, 112; Fort Churchill, 112.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It is officially announced that Premier Baldwin has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Sir J. Gilmour as the Scottish whip, succeeding P. K. Ford, who resigned.

Coast Bantam Champ Draws With Ed. Kelly

OAKLAND, Cal., Teddy Silva, of Oakland, claimant of the Pacific Coast bantamweight title, fought a draw with Eddie Kelly, of San Francisco, who substituted for Stewart McLean in the main event of a nevenbout card here tonight. Kelly showed up particularly well in the final round. Oakland Jimmy Duffy put Sid Marks to sleep in the second round of the semi-final. They are welterweights. Jack Silver, San Francisco lightweight, defeated Joe McCabe.

Sunny Jim, negro middleweight, defeated "Racehorse" Roberts.

Bud Hamilton, Denver featherweight, drew with Joe "King" Leopold.

Eddie Phillips fought a draw with Young Langford, negro featherweight from Los Angeles.

Hard-Headed Hebrans Hurts Hitters' Hands

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Henri Hebrans, the Belgian featherweight, is being hailed in French sporting circles today as probably the hardest-headed fighter known to the ring. It developed overnight that Eduoard Mascart, of Paris, who won the European featherweight title by defeating Hebrans on points here Tuesday night, broke his right hand in the third round of the fight with Hebrans in landing a blow on the Belgian's head.

Contact with Hebrans' cranium had already cost Eugene Criqui the featherweight championship and caused his temporary and perhaps permanent retirement from the ring. Criqui having shattered his left hand some time ago in a bout with Hebrans and thus being unable to meet Mascart and defend his title.

HONEYMOON IS OFF

SASKATOON, Dec. 20.—Joe "Red" Macdonald, twenty-five, boxer, was was sentenced to six months at hard labor today on a burglary charge. He was arrested last week as he was about to marry a local girl.

TO HOLD GYMKHANA EARLY IN NEW YEAR

Victoria Riding Academy and Polo Club Will Put on Second Event at Willows on January 9

It is the intention of the Victoria Riding Academy and Polo Club to stage their second gymkhana at the Horse Show Building, Willows Park, on Wednesday evening, January 9. A splendid programme of events has been prepared, and the list includes several spectacular features which are being staged in Victoria for the first time.

The big event on the programme is the indoor polo match, which will be between teams representing the Army and the Victoria Riding Academy. Both teams are already in training for this event and it is expected that it will prove to be a very spectacular event.

The complete programme is as follows:

Wrestling on horseback (Army), open to all comers.

Jumping pairs.

Tent pegging. Open to all comers.

Pushball match. Mounted teams representing Army and Victoria Riding Academy.

Victoria Cross race. Open to all comers.

Bending race. Open to all comers.

Spectacular jumping and tandem jumping.

Arms display. Army vs. Victoria Riding Academy. Open.

Indoor polo. Teams representing Army, Civilians and Victoria Polo Club for Challenge Cup.

Any person who is desirous of entering for any of the open events on the programme is requested to get in touch with either Captain Proby or Lieutenant Carley at the Victoria Riding Academy, phone 710, who will be pleased to assist them in every way possible so as to enable them to take part in the events free of any charge.

HAGEN TO REST FROM ACTIVE COMPETITION

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Walter Hagen, former American and British open golf champion, probably will not engage in many competitive events this Winter. Until April the Rochester homebred plans to devote most of his time at St. Petersburg, Fla., where he has been engaged to look after two courses.

Hagen probably will find time, however, to defend the Florida West Coast title, which he won last season; and if he does will encounter, among others, Arthur Havers, British open champion, and James Ockenden.

CORINTHIANS' TOUR IS WELL ASSURED

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The probability of the tour of the Corinthian amateur football team being called off, as forecast in a Hamilton dispatch, was denied by John Easton, president of the Dominion Football Association, here last night.

"There is absolutely nothing to it," Mr. Easton said. He had recently received a cablegram from the Corinthians' management, in which it was stated that the matter of a guarantee was satisfactory, but he declined to make public the amount of the guarantee.

Saanich School Soccer Matches for Saturday

Soccer football games to be played tomorrow in the Saanich school league are as follows:

Royal Oak vs. Burnside at Royal Oak; Cedar Hill-Gordon Head vs. North Dairies at Reynolds Road; Royal Oak vs. McKenzie Avenue at Royal Oak; Tillicum vs. Craigflower at Burnside Road; Cloverdale vs. Strawberry Vale at Reynolds Road.

FIRPO IS MATCHED WITH MARTIN BURKE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Louis Angel Firpo and Martin Burke will fight in New Orleans some time next March, it is understood in pugilistic circles. Buenos Ayres advices last night quoted Firpo as stating his New York representative had closed with a New Orleans promoter for the bout.

TEAMSTERS TO MEET TONIGHT

There will be a meeting tonight in the Trades Hall of members of the Teamsters' Football Club at 8 o'clock. The chief business will be the discussion of the possibility of entering a team in the Jackson Cup series.

PRAIRIE TEAMS HAVE LONG LEAD

COAST TEAMS HAVE SUFFERED THREE CLEAN SWEEPS

Change of Climate Does Not Appear to Improve Brand of Hockey of Patrick Clubs

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—As indicating the early season form of professional hockey teams comprising the Western Canada and Pacific Coast Leagues, a fair comparison of the respective strength of the two organizations can be obtained by reviewing their performances in interleague games played since the season began.

On December 10, the teams of the Patrick loop began an invasion of the Richardson loop, and since that date, when Victoria defeated Edmonton on a mixture of ice and sawdust, the invading teams have been unable to win a game.

So far, only two teams of the Prairie League have visited the Coast, Calgary and Saskatoon. The latter team was not successful in winning a game out of four starts, but drew with Vancouver after losing three contests. Calgary won two games and lost one. The standing of interleague games now is:

	P.	W.	L.	D.
Prairie teams	19	13	5	1
Coast teams	19	5	13	1

The Pacific Coast teams have suffered three clean sweeps in succession on their present trip, which concludes next Friday with Vancouver at Regina; Seattle at Calgary, and Saskatoon and Victoria at Winnipeg. Regina, which shares the league leadership with Saskatoon, has defeated Coast teams four times, Saskatoon four times, Edmonton twice, and Calgary once.

ARMADALE TENNIS CLUB HOLDS DANCE

Delightful Affair in K. of C. Hall—Vice-President of C.L.T.A. Extends Best Wishes

The Armadale Tennis Club held its second dance of the season in the K. of C. Hall last Wednesday night. The affair, which was well attended, proved a most enjoyable one. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock and continued until twelve, the music being provided by Miss Bolt at the piano, with Mr. Harry Hutchison at the drums.

Arrangements for the dance were in the hands of Mr. P. Fletcher, president of the Armadale Tennis Club; Mr. E. Tildesley, acting treasurer, and Mr. W. Barclay, secretary. Miss Louise Eastman had charge of the supper.

During the evening Mr. Fletcher introduced Mr. J. G. Brown, secretary of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club and vice-president of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association, who wished the Armadale Club success, and stated that, in the interests of tennis, he was always glad to see small clubs flourishing.

The club will hold a dance each month during the Winter season, the next being on January 12.

Election of officers will take place at a meeting of the Armadale Tennis Club in January. The courts have been re-seeded and other preparations for next season are being made.

Canadian Women to Play Lacrosse In Los Angeles Carnival

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Threescore women, formerly of Canada, are brushing up or, in some cases, learning the plays of lacrosse, in preparation of a meet between teams from Los Angeles and Long Beach, to feature the tenth annual Canadian tourists' mid-Winter reunion and picnic next month.

GIVES FIGURES ON AMUSEMENT CENTRE

City Comptroller Macdonald pointed out yesterday that some of the figures quoted in connection with the amusement centre digest competition, as announced in The Colonist, were likely to give a false impression.

According to Mr. Macdonald, the annual rebate of taxes provided for under the scheme amounts to $11,370.79, instead of $15,672 as quoted in announcement, and the rebate on water rates approximately $3,347, instead of $3,958.

Canadian Wrestler Claims World's Title

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Jack Forbes, Canadian lightweight champion wrestler, defeated Steve Graff, Detroit, two straight falls last night, and now claims the world's lightweight title.

SCHOOL RUGBY TEAM

The rugby team of the Central and Margaret Jenkins Schools, which will play the combined team of Oaklands and George Jay Schools at the Willows tomorrow, will be composed of the following players: Fullback, Moore; three-quarters, Watkins, Skillings, Burraston, Shaw and James; halves, McConnell and Francis; forwards, Miller, Bosher, McCoy, Short, Farvie, Moir and Nixon. Referee, Mr. E. J. Knapton.

McGRAW COMING HOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, and Hugh Jennings, his first assistant, are passengers on the Leviathan from Europe where they spent two months. Baseball followers here expect a new shift in the negotiations for Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis star, after McGraw's arrival.

N.H.L. STANDING

	W.	L.	Pts.
Ottawa	2	0	4
Toronto	1	1	2
Canadiens	1	1	2
Hamilton	0	2	0

HOCKEY RECORDS

P.C.H.A.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Victoria	10	4	6	0	34	39	8
Seattle	11	4	7	0	32	36	8
Vancouver	10	3	6	1	26	27	7

Prairie

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Regina	5	5	0	0	16	6	10
Saskatoon	9	4	3	2	26	27	10
Calgary	4	3	1	0	12	9	6
Edmonton	5	2	2	1	11	12	5

Duncan Creeps Closer

	G.	A.	Pts.	Pen.
Fredrickson, Victoria	11	1	12	3
Duncan, Vancouver	8	3	11	2
Fraser, Seattle	7	3	9	16
Walker, Seattle	7	1	8	0
Loughlin, Victoria	5	3	8	2
Matte, Vancouver	6	1	7	4
Cook, Vancouver	4	3	7	3
Harris, Seattle	4	3	7	6
Foyston, Seattle	6	0	6	0
Hart, Victoria	4	1	5	2
Gibson, Victoria	4	1	5	2
Briden, Seattle	5	0	5	0
Halderson, Victoria	4	1	5	6
Meeking, Victoria	3	1	4	8
Boucher, Vancouver	3	0	3	2
MacKay, Vancouver	2	1	3	0
Anderson, Victoria	1	2	3	2
Rowe, Seattle	2	0	2	6
Trihey, Victoria	1	0	1	0
Cotch, Vancouver	1	0	1	4
Bostrum, Vancouver	1	0	1	2
Parkes, Vancouver	1	0	1	0
McFarlane, Seattle	1	0	1	2
Skinner, Vancouver	0	0	0	6
Arbour, Seattle	0	0	0	4

Tonight's Games

Victoria vs. Saskatoon, at Winnipeg; Vancouver vs. Regina, at Regina; Seattle vs. Calgary, at Calgary.

KNOW DRAWING VALUE OF LINKS

NEW COURSES BEING RAPIDLY MADE IN SOUTH

Shovelers, However, Cannot Keep Pace With Golfers Flocking to Use Resorts' Facilities

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Nearly 200 golf links are now available for Winter play in the South, including the Pacific Coast, and most of them are eighteen-hole courses, with grass greens. The South has 102 links, on which tourists may play for a nominal fee, while the Far West has nearly as many.

California leads the semi-tropical states, with thirty-eight links, while Florida has thirty-five.

So great was the demand on these courses last Winter, after a steadily increasing hegira of golfers from the North, that many new links have been built recently to keep up with the demand for playing facilities. With all their enterprise, however, golfers report that the stroke of the shovelers cannot keep pace with the golfer, and many new courses are under construction.

Resort cities have found that the greatest drawing card for Northern tourists is golf links, and some of the newer Southern towns have outstripped older places in winning flocks of tourists with their wealth of money by installing a good golf club before the established resorts awoke to the situation.

Next to California and Florida, the largest number of golf courses for Winter wanderers are found in Texas and Georgia, each state having thirteen. Tennessee provides nine, North Carolina eight and Alabama and Louisiana six each.

THYE BEATS YOKEL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—Ted Thye, Portland light heavyweight wrestler, won two out of three falls from Mike Yokel, of Salt Lake, in a match here tonight. The first fall went to Thye in 27 minutes, 10 seconds, with an arm scissors. Yokel took the second fall with a headlock in 18 minutes, 45 seconds, and the third and deciding fall went to Thye in nine minutes, 10 seconds, on a wristlock and arm scissors.

OLD COUNTRY RUGBY

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Rugby results today were:

Dublin University, 17; Cambridge University, 22.

Devonport Services, 6; Naval College, 32.

County championship game at Stratford-on-Avon: North Midlands, 9; Warwickshire, 6.

ROBBERS OF GALIANO ISLAND IN VANCOUVER

Two of Trio Captured Will Appear for Preliminary Hearing After Christmas

The preliminary hearing of the two men who were arrested in Vancouver some days ago and charged with complicity in the robbery of a storekeeper on Galiano Island named Gregert about three weeks ago, will be held in the Terminal City either on December 27 or 28, according to information received last night. Constable Robert Owens, of the Provincial police department, Victoria, left yesterday morning for Galiano Island and Sidney for the purpose of serving summons papers on necessary witnesses.

The two accused were arrested by the Vancouver Provincial police following the wreck of a gasoline launch in which they were riding at the mouth of the Fraser River. A third member of the gang who committed the robbery is believed to have drowned after the wreck and before help was given by a Japanese fisherman, who brought the two accused ashore in his boat. It is understood that Mr. Gregert has identified accused as members of the trio who robbed him.

EARTHQUAKE IN MANILA

MANILA, Dec. 20.—An earthquake at 4:30 a.m. shook buildings and roused the sleeping populace. No damage was reported. The shock was local, according to the weather bureau.

Sportive Punches

By the "Old 'Un"

WHY PICK ON DEMPSEY? The Old 'Un has just been reading an article in an American magazine in which some college president and "pastor" was proclaiming vehemently to all and sundry that he did not envy Dempsey.

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And all through his article it was obvious to the reader that as a matter of fact he actually did envy Dempsey not a little.

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Comparisons are usually considered odious. But this professor proceeded to compare, more or less closely and intimately, not only his own and Dempsey's incomes, but their characters and family lives. Of course, very much to the disadvantage of Dempsey.

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Had he compared the earnings of Dempsey in the ring with the earnings of notable public servants he might have had some justification for his remarks. As it was, for a display of egotism and pharisaical self-satisfaction, the article certainly took the biscuit.

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This is not to defend whatever it is that makes it possible for a Dempsey to receive for a matter of seconds' fighting as much as our self-righteous professor received for thirty years' work. BUT WHY PICK ON DEMPSEY?

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The huge purses now hung up for championship prize fights are, we all admit, out of all proportion to the value of the principals' work, if you are pleased to call it that, but are they to blame for that? Fighting is their business, and in what other line of business would a man be blamed and his private life censured and sneered at just because he sold his wares for the highest market price?

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It is the same old law of supply and demand. The demand of men of all sorts and conditions for what Dempsey gives them, with that demand cleverly excited and fostered by astute promoters and their publicity agents.

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Nobody thought the worse of the lucky gold miner who found an immence fortune mostly through sheer luck, even though it made him a millionaire. Dempsey's fists proved his fortune. Whether it is good for any individual to become abnormally rich as easily as either the gold miner or Dempsey is certainly open to argument.

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BUT WHY PICK ON DEMPSEY? 'TAIN'T HIS FAULT.

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If it's anybody's fault, it's the fault of the men who should know better who are willing to pay exorbitant prices to see him fight.

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PASSING THE CHESTNUTS—Some wrong ideas of humor:

Laughing loudly when you miss a two-foot putt.
Calling you on the 'phone at 2 o'clock in the morning.
Telling your wife the thing you hadn't thought to tell her yourself.
Being noisy.

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THE AMERICAN GAME BULLETIN tells us that the black bear's evil reputation probably comes from the fact that it will always feed on stock and game already dead if it believes it can do so without danger from human beings.

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OTHERWISE ARE WE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THAT IT SWALLOWS THEM ALIVE LIKE WE DO OUR OYSTERS?

Soccer Notes

By A. B. BROWN

English League Games

The following are the First Division games in the English League to be played Saturday afternoon:

Aston Villa vs. Sheffield United.
Birmingham vs. West Brom. Alb.
Blackburn Rovers vs. Tottenham.
Cardiff City vs. Liverpool.
Chelsea vs. Burnley.
Everton vs. Manchester City.
Huddersfield Town vs. Arsenal.
Middlesbrough vs. Preston N.E.
Newcastle United vs. Sunderland.
Notts County vs. Bolton Wand.
West Ham U. vs. Notts Forest.

Leaders at Home

Return games will be the order of the day this week-end. To judge from last Saturday's showing, Cardiff City and Huddersfield should improve their positions still further at the expense of Liverpool and the Arsenal, respectively.

There will be curiosity, however, in regard to the meeting of Notts County and Bolton Wanderers at Nottingham. The County was beaten seven to one a week ago, but at home the side ought to do much better—at least, the scoring should be more in keeping with the Lacemen's reputation as a defensive force.

Another game that will attract attention is that between Newcastle United and Sunderland at St. James' Park. The United should reverse last week's defeat of three to two at Sunderland.

Second Division Matches

The Second Division schedule follows:

Blackpool vs. Derby County.
Bradford City vs. Barnsley.
Clapton Orient vs. Stockport C.
Bury vs. Leeds United.
Hull City vs. Bristol City.
Manchester United vs. Port Vale.
Nelson vs. Fulham.
Oldham Athletic vs. Leicester City.
Sheffield Wednesday vs Crystal Palace.
South Shields vs. Southampton.
Stoke vs. Coventry City.

Leeds in Danger

Leeds United is in danger of losing their position at the top of the Second Division. Bury beat them a week ago in Yorkshire, and the return game in the Lancashire town appears safe for Bury.

Derby County, too, has a stiff proposition at Blackpool, but the County is going so well that they may pick up a point at the seaside resort.

Bradford City and Barnsley will provide a typical Yorkshire duel at Valley Parade. Last week's game went two to one for Barnsley.

"Wolves" Knocked Out

Wolverhampton Wanderers were among the slain in last Saturday's qualifying cup ties. This means that they have lost their chance of appearing in the competition proper, which opens next month. Halifax beat them by one to nil. However, the Wanderers can now concentrate in getting back to the Second Division of the League.

Scottish League

The following are the First Division Scottish League games:

Airdrieonians vs. Aberdeen.
Clydebank vs. Ayr United.
Dundee vs. Celtic.
Clyde vs. Partick Thistle.
Falkirk vs. Morton.
Rangers vs. Hamilton A.
Kilmarnock vs. Hearts.
Hibernians vs. Queen's Park.
Motherwell vs. Raith Rovers.
Third Lanark vs. St. Mirren.

Celts vs. Tayside

Perhaps the most attractive game on the Scottish card is that at Dens Park, where Dundee meet Celtic. Recently the clubs met at Parkhead, where the result was a no-scoring draw. The Celts have generally found Dundee a tough proposition on the banks of the Tay.

The Rangers have a light job on hand in meeting Hamilton Academicals at Ibrox Park. Of course, there is always the chance of the unexpected happening, but the Light Blues are too keen on keeping their unbroken record to allow of any sensational upturns in form.

There is only one league game in Scotland on Christmas Day—between Third Lanark and Dundee, at Cathkin. The great period for holiday football among the Scots is at New Year's.

Christmastide Games

The usual programme of games in all divisions of the English League will be played on Christmas and Boxing Day.

In the First Division the following matches are scheduled:

Tuesday

Aston Villa vs. West Ham U.
Blackburn Rovers vs. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wand. vs. West Brom. Alb.
Burnley vs. Middlesbrough.
Liverpool vs. Newcastle United.
Notts Forest vs. Chelsea.
Sheffield United vs. Cardiff City.
Tottenham Hotspur vs. Huddersfield.

Wednesday (Boxing Day)

The matches in the First Division on Boxing Day are:

Birmingham vs. Manchester City.
Cardiff City vs. Sheffield United.
Chelsea vs. Notts Forest.
Everton vs. Sunderland.
Huddersfield vs. Tottenham.
Middlesbrough vs. Burnley.
Newcastle United vs. Liverpool.
Notts County vs. Arsenal.
Preston N.E. vs. Blackburn Rovers.
West Brom. Alb. vs. Bolton Wand.
West Ham U. vs. Aston Villa.

Accidental Death

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—A verdict of accidental death was returned by the coroner's jury at the inquest on the body of Walter John Byron Buckingham, aged three years, who was run over by an auto driven by Brig.-Gen. Victor Odlum.

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Schermann Endowed With Strange Gift

In Austria they call him "The Man With the X-Ray Eyes," and he is now visiting the United States, where he will go on tour to demonstrated his extraordinary gift. His name is Rafael Schermann, and he is a Pole by birth and an insurance claims agent by occupation. His fame, however, has been spread through his connection with the police, to whom he has given many valuable hints and for whom he has solved many mysteries. It has been suggested that on his visit to the United States, which may possibly extend to Canada, he should be consulted by chiefs of police. Most of the places he will visit have unsolved mysteries of the sort that would lend themselves to Schermann's peculiar powers. Indeed, in New York alone he could be kept busy for some time. All he needs to detect guilt is a specimen of the handwriting of a suspected person. He glances at it, muses for a moment, and then is prepared to render a verdict of guilt or innocence. Curiously enough, it is only the sight of handwriting that evokes this mysterious power. Otherwise it is quiescent.

Astounds Physicians

Schermann is not a mind reader nor a faith healer nor an exponent of telepathy or spiritism. He is extremely matter of fact. He is not an educated man in the accepted sense of the word. He is not a scientist nor a medical man, yet he can diagnose diseases as he demonstrated in New York a few days ago when he astonished a group of well-known doctors by his uncanny skill. He is unable to explain his own gift, except by the theory that a person's whole being is stamped by tendencies that govern actions and that this comes to visible expression in the handwriting, which is a sort of seismograph chart of personality. The hand registers the most delicate vibrations of the organism. European alienists and neurologists say that Schermann is a mystery to them, but some of them believe that the powers he has now all human beings may have a thousand years hence. One New York physician described him recently as a saltation—"a jump away ahead of the rest of us, but we can see him and follow after. He appears to have developed an intuitive quality—a sort of intellectual radio outfit, perhaps."

Shrewd Diagnostician

He was put to some interesting tests in New York, and though he failed in some of them, his percentage of successes was high enough to amaze the medical men who were present. Various unnamed persons were brought before him, and each wrote a few lines in his presence. After examining the lines and assisting himself with a glance at the patients he would write out what, in his opinion, was the disease from which they were suffering. In each case nobody but the patient's own physician was supposed to know the nature of the disease. There were no cases in which the disease would be manifest at a glance to another doctor. Each physician first wrote out his own diagnosis for comparison. He recognized a diabetic patient, another who had high blood pressure and suffered from hemorrhages a year or so ago, of which no trace was visible. He made an error in what the physician diagnosed as a case of tuberculosis.

A High Percentage

One patient did not enter the room, but merely handed in a piece of handwriting. He was described as a prominent New York lawyer, past seventy, upstanding, in excellent condition, with normal blood pressure. Schermann's report was that there might possibly be some slight disturbance of the intestines or stomach, but that there was nothing else amiss that he could see. The doctors agreed that he was at least 90 per cent correct. Then he was given another piece of writing, that of a prominent surgeon, whose avocation is music. Schermann said: "Here I see a knife and there I see an abdomen. You are very precise and nothing bothers you. You are very musical, too." This was admitted to be a portrait 100 per cent accurate. On the whole it was believed he was wrong in only two cases, and even then there was the possibility that he may have been right and the doctors wrong. European experts who have tested Schermann for twenty years past have calculated that in that time he was 70 per cent right, 20 per cent half right and 10 per cent wrong.

A Detective Triumph

One of the most sensational of his triumphs as an amateur detective was in the case of a woman of Zurich who was accused of poisoning her husband. The prosecutor asked him to study a bit of her handwriting. He did so, and said: "There is great fear in this woman's writing—fear of apprehension and conviction of the terrible crime of which she is accused. There is no question that she is guilty. She poisoned her husband." The prosecution smiled awkwardly and said: "I'm afraid you have made a mistake. That letter was written before she was married." Schermann insisted that he was right, that the woman was a murderess when she wrote. Subsequent investigations showed that at the time she wrote her first husband was dead, and pressure brought to bear on the woman led to her confessing that she had killed both her mates. Schermann says that he became aware of his faculty when he was quite young, that as a boy he was strangely fascinated by anything written. Later on he used to amuse his friends by his gift, and still later was called upon to aid the police. He has now advanced to the lecture platform.

P.G.E. Audit To Go Before the House Today If in Time

THE Price-Waterhouse audit of the P. G. E. accounts will probably come before the House this morning before dissolution, Premier Oliver said last night.

"We expect a man to come over from Vancouver with it tomorrow," said the Premier. "It has been delayed longer than we anticipated, but Dr. MacLean has been in touch with Vancouver by telegram repeatedly during the past few days and we now expect that it will come over tomorrow. If it arrives in time, it will go before the House."

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The question, though it is hardly worth asking, is at least worth answering, on account of its extreme plausibility. To your practical man it is all so obvious. No appreciation of the plays of Aristophanes, he says, will help a man to sell a motor car. The most minute knowledge of the foreign policy of Queen Elizabeth will be of little avail against the guile of a German commercial traveller.

It must therefore seem strange to the practical man to find great business men who have proved that they at least can succeed in the world, deliberately burrowing among our universities in search of classical scholars. It must seem even stranger when they discover that the purpose which the dreamers are to serve is not to sell Greek dictionaries or to explain the mysteries of beat sellers in the bargain basement, but to be trained to occupy posts of administrative importance.

The business man, however, knows what he is about. He is beginning to realize that a trained mind, flexible and alert, is of more importance than any amount of specialized knowledge.

And Oxford does, in its queer roundabout way, produce trained minds. It may not tell you how to fit one particular peg into its special hole, but it teaches the general principles which lie behind the knocking in of all pegs.

The man who can get a first in Greek must so have disciplined his mind and sharpened his faculties that no business crisis can greatly alarm him. It is very much easier to make money than to take firsts, and the only reason why some scholars do not make money is because they do not particularly desire to do so.

To a Coleridge, Oxford might well offer a nepenthe that he would drink to his destruction. To the "practical" man it gives a realization that life is greater than a bank balance, and that its lessons cannot be contained between the covers of a passbook.—Beverly Nichols, in Continental edition of London Mail.

University School

The Old Boys and friends of the University School will be pleased to hear of the new features that have been recently introduced.

While the military side as such has been dropped, the smart discipline for which the school has been long known has been retained.

The boys are being treated to weekly talks by leading citizens on instructive topics. Such subjects as "How to Choose a Profession," "The Turk, Ancient and Modern," "The History of Vancouver Island," "The Game Birds of B.C. and Their Protection," "The Ideals of Young Manhood," "Artillery in the Great War," "How We Get the World News," and others have been dealt with in an interesting and instructive manner.

Two of the resident boys in the school have made a study of radio and have installed a receiving set of high value. Messages have been received from as far east as Pittsburgh, Pa., as far south as Texas and Panama, as far north as Alaska, and as far west as Hawaii. By use of amplifiers the boys have been able to give occasional concerts to the school.

The news from the boys in the Royal Military College, in McGill University, the University of B.C. here and in Vancouver, indicates that they are doing well in their work and in sports.

In athletics the boys continue to do well. After winning the ground hockey championship of Victoria, they entered the Rugby series. They have defeated all the teams they have met so far, and in no match this season, so far, has a single point been scored against them.

In the last Western Canada College Review recently published by the Old Boys of that institution to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of that school, the following tribute is paid to Dr. A. O. MacRae, the new head of University School:

"For twenty years, as head of Western Canada College, you have done more than your share in building up the character of Western Canadian boys. You have, at all times, set an example to the youth under your charge of manhood and sportsmanship that should and undoubtedly will be to them an inspiration and a help during the rest of their lives, and that will make them better citizens of Canada. We feel sure that very few of the boys who have passed through your hands will forget an expression of which you were ever fond, 'Play the Game.'

"When you conceived the idea of giving to the Old Boys a share in the government of Western Canada College, you established a trust that we will ever strive to carry out worthily.

"Personally and as an association we will miss you. We feel that the College has suffered a great loss, but we also feel that that loss is ameliorated by the fact that the new head has been under you as a boy and as a man.

"On behalf of all Old Boys of Western Canada College it is the writer's privilege, sir, to express to you and Mrs. MacRae our regret at your departure from us, and our hope that you may both find happiness and prosperity in your new surroundings."

The school has started a choir that is being trained under the efficient direction of Dr. Watson, the former organist of Christ Church Cathedral, and the present director of music in the University School. This choir is now also a part of St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill. Hereafter this training in singing and choir work will be a constituent part of the school curriculum under Dr. Watson.

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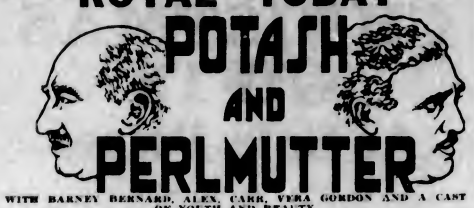
ROYAL—TODAY



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Avery Hopwood's Sensational Stage Success
The Gold Diggers
Starring
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It's a picture with a theme as old as the ages, yet as modern as today's newspaper.

Feature Starting at 2:00, 3:55, 5:50, 7:35, 9:25

Also Comedy and Dominion News of the Day

Injured Miners Are Recovering

NANAIMO, Dec. 20.—All the injured men in Monday's accident when the Whiss Bang No. 1, carrying miners from Nanaimo to Lantzville, was struck by a southbound passenger train, are well on the way to complete recovery. Wm. Mehans was enabled to leave the hospital last evening for his home, and William Watson, who sustained scalp wounds, has been discharged from the hospital. The other five injured men, James Crutchley, broken rib, injured arm and shock; A. Hubenstein, scalp wounds and shock; Geo. Gould, injuries to head; Jas. Cook, shock, and Robert Young, cut about head, are getting along nicely at the hospital, and their complete recovery is only a matter of a short time.

In connection with the accident, Wm. Seigler, driver of the jitney at the time, has given the following report of the collision to the police:

"The Whiss Bang No. 1, No. 11,701, driven by me, was struck by the southbound train at the Comox Road and Milton Road crossing, near rear, and just above wheel, at about 2:20 p.m. while on the way to Lantzville with miners for the afternoon shift. I was traveling very slowly and looking right and left. I did not see or hear the train or signal. By the time I had the front wheels over the first rail the train was sighted about eighty feet away. The cutting at an angle and giving all speed she could take, we only got about three-quarters across before the train dashed in on us, throwing the car around and injuring all on board.

"The engine of the southbound train stopped about two and a half lengths of the engine past the crossing."

Dr. W. H. McIntyre was re-elected president of the Nanaimo Gyro Club at a meeting held yesterday at noon. Other officers elected for the year 1924 to be installed in January were: Vice-president, George Grigor; secretary, Kenneth Sage; treasurer, Murray Planta; sergeant-at-arms, W. Walker; directors, J. L. Reynolds, V. B. Harrison, P. Maffeo and J. W. Crossan.

Imprisonment and Lashes for Assault

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Fifteen years in the penitentiary and seven lashes was the sentence pronounced by Judge Lacroix today upon Leon Dion, twenty-nine, convicted of an assault upon a young girl. Judge Lacroix declared that in the future he will impose life sentences on anybody convicted of a similar offence.

ROYAL—BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, December 26, 27, 28
Matinee, Wednesday, December 26

Christmas Pantomime
Peter Pan's Dream

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Beauty Chorus of 40 Voices—Cast of 75—Special Scenery. Music—Dancing—Colors—Comedy—Singing—Laughter

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"NAAMAN THE LEPER"
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Centennial
Admission 35c.

At the Playhouses

CAPITOL THEATRE Returning to the screen after an absence of more than two years, Madge Kennedy, noted screen star, is to be seen at the Capitol Theatre this week in the Paramount-Kenma picture production, "The Purple Highway." The picture, as well as Miss Kennedy, was heartily received. Miss Kennedy has the role of April Blair, a slavey in a Home for Artistic Failures. Here she meets Edgar Craig, in reality Edgar Prentice, son of the founder of the institution and a failure at playwrighting. Then, too, there is Joe Renard, an accomplished violinist. It is through April that they leave the home and again tackle the world in search of their long-delayed success. Edgar writes an acceptable play for which Joe writes the musical score, April becoming a great star by her singing therein. She accepts the attentions of Dudley Quail, a wealthy waster. April seems to forget that she owes everything to Edgar and Joe. How Prentice contrives to make all of her youthful dreams realities furnishes "The Purple Highway" with a climax that is most unique.

COLUMBIA THEATRE Tony Moreno says in all seriousness that the biggest thrill he ever had was when he made a personal appearance at a picture theatre in Tahiti, where he went with the Goldwyn Company, directed by R. A. Walsh to film Carey Wilson's story, "Lost and Found," which is now showing at the Columbia Theatre. Other members of the company say that Tony received the K. W. ovation thrice compounded. A little native girl bore the actor a wreath of flowers and when Tony picked her up and kissed her the natives went wild with enthusiasm. The South Sea Islanders treated the picture people with wonderful hospitality. When the company sailed from Tahiti the natives wept unashamed.

ROYAL THEATRE It is a rare occasion when everybody agrees on anything—for human nature is perverse. But nobody has been discovered to date who does not agree that "Potash and Perlmutter," which is now playing at the Royal Theatre, is the greatest comedy ever filmed. This First National picture, which was produced by Samuel Goldwyn and directed by Clarence Badger, has won unstinted praise from all classes of persons. Male and female, old and young, rich and poor—all have united in pronouncing this picture as the greatest laughmaker of all ages. Never has been such a unity of opinion on any topic. So popular has "Potash and Perlmutter" become throughout the world that the title has practically become synonymous with laughter. "I didn't know pictures could be made so good," was the comment of a nationally known man who saw the picture at a preview showing. Barney Bernard, Alexander Carr and Vera Gordon have the leading roles in this production, assisted by a stellar cast including Hope Sutherland, Ben Lyon, Martha Mansfield, Eduard Durand, De Sacia Mooers and Jerry Devine.

DOMINION THEATRE It has come to be a proverb among the stage and theatregoers that a David Belasco play must be a great success. The name and the genius of this great playwright are enough to insure the success of any play he puts out. "The Gold Diggers," one of his recent successes which played for two years in Broadway and had a long tour of the country is showing at the Dominion Theatre this week with Hope Hampton in the feature role. It is a Warner Brothers classic of the screen.

PANTOMIME TO HAVE GORGEOUS COSTUMES, SCENERY

Coming to the Royal Victoria Theatre on Wednesday, December 26, for a three-day engagement, including a matinee on Wednesday afternoon, will be Hincks' superb production, "Peter Pan's Dream."

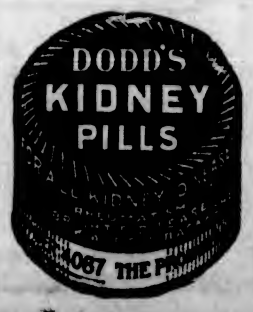
This pantomime is suitable for young or old, and there is no doubt that the wonderful singing, charming scenery, excellent cast and sparkling comedy which flows throughout the whole of the three acts will captivtate Victoria audiences.

Most of the popular actors and actresses will appear in this production, and perhaps one of the most well-known and charming of these is Miss Marie McLaughlin, who time and again has proved herself a great favorite. Miss MacLaughlin has a pure, mellow voice of great range, and will be heard to advantage in her role of Brighteyes.

For the children, little Malcolm Billingley will hold them entranced, and is part of a great surprise. Major Taylor, as the Marquis of Rolled Oats, and Mr. E. Groves, as the Prince of Pickled Onions, are guaranteed to produce a thousand laughs; and Mr. H. J. Davis and Mr. Bob Webb, who need no introductions to Victorians, will also add to the general amusement as Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs.

British Members of Commission Named

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The British members of the expert committees which are to examine Germany's financial situation under the auspices of the reparation commission, it was learned today, will be Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England; Sir Josiah Stamp, economic and statistical authority, and Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer.



AMUSEMENTS

The Screen

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Columbia—"Lost and Found," starring House Peters.

Dominion — Hope Hampton in "The Gold Diggers."

Royal—"Potash and Perlmutter," featuring Barney Bernard and Alexander Carr.

NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA NOW BEING PUBLISHED

W. & R. Chambers, of London and Edinburgh, Have Great Work on Presses

W. & R. Chambers, Limited, of London and Edinburgh, publishers of some note, are issuing a new encyclopedia. They call it "A Dictionary of Universal Knowledge." The first three volumes of the work amply justify the assumption of such a sweeping, comprehensive title. Nothing, apparently, within the compass of human knowledge has been omitted from the three volumes, that is, nothing which may be sought beginning with the letters A to D.

The sum of human knowledge is so constantly changing that it is necessary for encyclopedias to be up to date. An obsolete work of the kind is simply an aggravation. It is also necessary that encyclopedias should be well printed. Chambers' new work in that respect is constructed upon the established Chambers' model. The printing houses of the firm in Edinburgh and London have always turned out the best attainable from a typographical point of view. No magazine of other days ever was better printed than Chambers' Journal; no magazines of the present day is better printed than Chambers' Journal. The firm at an early period of its long career selected a special style of type for all its work, type that produced a clear and clean impression. That is the kind of type that has been used in printing the new Chambers' Encyclopedia. Every feature of the work commends it to the student. Its editors and compilers are men of world-wide reputation.

The complete edition will contain 30,000 articles on the facts and principles of agriculture, gardening, fisheries, mining, manufactures, mechanics, engineering, metallurgy, printing, illustration, shipbuilding, cookery, archaeology, theology, religions, education, mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, botany, biology, zoology, geology, mineralogy, geography, meteorology, philosophy, physiology, anatomy, ethnology, logic, ethics, grammar, philology, history, sociology, politics, biography, literature, law, chronology, heraldry, medicine, surgery, sculpture, painting, music, electro-mechanics, banking and currency, Biblical criticism, political economy, domestic economy, navy and army, public health, veterinary science, athletics and sport, architecture, folklore, mythology.

Following are the names of some of the distinguished contributors:

Lord Birkenhead, Professor John Adams, George Bernard Shaw, Dr. E. J. Dillon, G. K. Chesterton, Dr. Henry Bradley, Professor L. W. Lyde, Andrew Lang, Sir John Simon, Lord Askwith, A. C. Benson, Sir E. W. Brabrook, Sir Frank Dyson, Professor H. Cecil Wyld, Sir Oliver J. Lodge, Professor Sir John MacPherson, Professor E. H. Parker, Edward Cloud, Admiral Sir R. Tupper, Sir H. W. Barlow, Dr. W. S. Bruce, Professor Herbert T. Andrews, Sir W. H. Bragg, Professor W. A. Bone, F. W. Headley, Professor A. Harden, Professor A. Berriedale Keith, Sir A. Daniel Hall.

SOOKE CHILDREN AS CAROL SINGERS

SOOKE, Dec. 19—Last Monday and Tuesday nights a troupe of carol-singers traversed the district, reminding the good folks that Christmas time is very near, and it is the season of peace and goodwill. This marks the third year that a number of the children of Sooke have in this way done their best to aid their poorer brothers and sisters in the town.

The singing was carried out after the style of the Old Country Christmas "Waits," and very picturesque the merry group looked, wrapped against the cold, with a red lantern held high on a long pole and a big dinner-bell to announce their coming. They sang the old familiar carols: "Noel," "Good King Wenceslaus," "Hark, the Herald Angels," "Holy Night," and "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," wishing each family a Merry Christmas before they proceeded on their way.

Though the party was taken in cars for the longer distances, it was, of course, impossible to visit everybody in the district, the houses being so scattered and time short.

Everyone responded splendidly to the appeal, and a sum of about $30 was collected, which has been sent to the Friendly Help Society, to be used specially among children.

On Sunday evening, December 23, a Carol Service will be held at 7 o'clock in Holy Trinity (Anglican) Church. The service will consist of carols for the congregation, and also quartettes and solos. Rev. F. Comley will give a short address.

ROYAL OAK

ROYAL OAK, B.C., Dec. 20—The Royal Oak Women's Institute will hold their annual meeting on Friday, Dec. 28, in the Institute Room at Royal Oak at 2 p.m. Reports of the recent conference and for the year's work will be submitted, and election of officers for 1924 will take place. The 1923 executive will be hostesses for the meeting.

The dance held in the Royal Oak Hall on Friday last under the auspices of the Basketball Club was a marked success in every way, with the exception of numbers. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was somewhat small. However, those who braved the elements were loud in their praise and expressed the hope that another such dance would be given in the near future. The music supplied by Hutchinson left nothing to be desired; the musicians were most generous with the encores. The committee in charge hope to make these dances, which will be held fortnightly, real social affairs.

RENO DIVORCE AGAIN VOIDED IN CANADA

Quebec Judge Says Such Courts Have No Jurisdiction in Province and Decrees Invalid

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Reno courts have no jurisdiction over parties domiciled in the Province of Quebec, and divorce decrees pronounced there are invalid here, according to judgment pronounced from the Superior court bench by Mr. Justice Bruneau, in practice division today, in the case of Sidney Robert Carter, of Montreal, who applied for annulment of his marriage to Marie Lucille Lemerse at Mount Vernon, N.Y., on June 15, 1922.

She had obtained a divorce at Reno in 1921 from her first husband, H. Gervais, whom she married in Montreal in 1915. Both had always resided in Montreal. Mr. Justice Bruneau annulled the second marriage and the Reno decree as far as Quebec Province was concerned.

The judgment stated that the woman could and should have had recourse to the Federal courts of Canada to obtain freedom from her first husband. The argument that Quebec did not provide a divorce tribunal was invalid.

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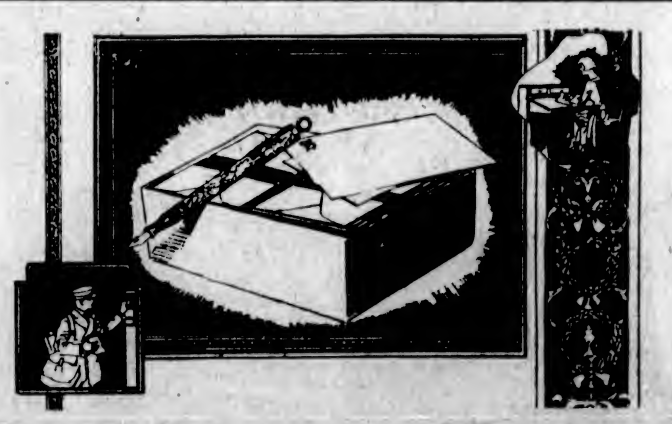

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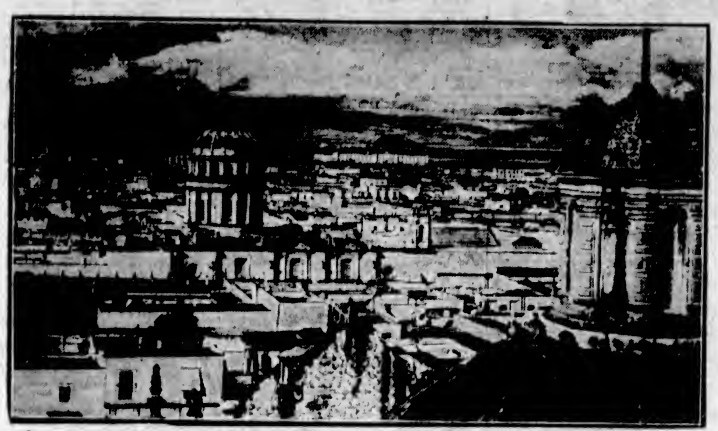


An unusual view is shown of Mexico City, Mexico, which is now the objective of both insurgent armies. With the capital in their power, the rebels feel that more than half of the victory is assured for them

Stanley Clarkson, of St. Paul, is wearing an anti-wolf equipment, comprising a cowhide suit, covered with spikes an inch long; a helmet and wire mask. He plans to slay wolves in Northern Ontario for government bounties by letting them nibble at his armor, while he clouts them on the head

This bathtub-like vehicle, seen on a London street, is propelled by the pulling of two levers much as one pulls oars of a rowboat. The rider sitting in the back steers the craft

The Count and Countess Byron Kuhn de Prorok have returned to New York from their honeymoon in North Africa, where the count, an explorer and archeologist, searched for the ruins of ancient Carthage. He believes th will be discovered by spring

Attractive and unique adornments feature some of the latest millinery models. This black and white satin turban shows an "extravagant" tassel on the side as a trimming

With a touch of the chilly winds of winter approaching, deer at Richmond Park, London, collect in small groups before nightfall to seek shelter

The ploughman homeward wends his way to hear about the elections. Mrs. Wintringham, M.P., for Louth, one of the three women candidates returned at the last election, explains political issues to one of her constituents

Elinor Glyn, popular novelist, left New York recently for her English home, where she intends spending several weeks' holidays

Oliver Baldwin, who took the platform for the labor candidates of parliament, grew a beard to make his appearance more striking and perhaps to give himself an air of maturity

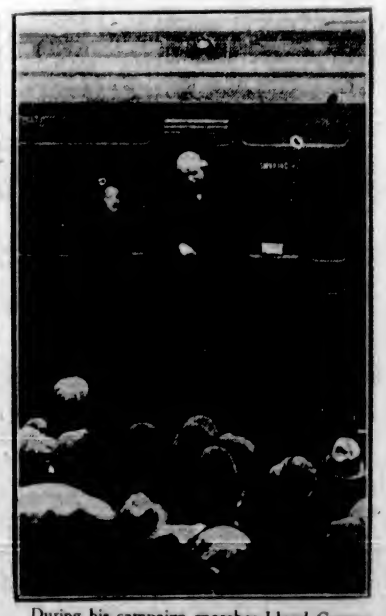
Mrs. Mary Brown, known throughout Oxford county, Ontario, as "Grandma Brown," has a remarkably clear memory at the age of over a hundred. She was born in 1823 on the Grand River, near Brantford

Pile in, boys — Eddie doesn't mind. Here is Collins, star second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, back in his home town of Lansdowne, Pa., giving his own and some of his neighbors' children a ride

With the arriving of steamers in Jamaican waters, a large crowd of natives throng about the side of the vessel, knowing that they will reap a harvest from the tourists, who wish to see them dive for coins

Once a popular bathing beauty of the screen, Marie Prevost has soared to dramatic fame in the leading role of a new production, a satirical comedy-drama with New York society as its setting

Here is a new and striking pose of Pope Pius XI., taken recently at the Vatican



During his campaign speeches Lloyd George traveled in a whirlwind manner from one end of the country to the other. He is shown speaking from his train during his Lancashire trip

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Death and Funeral Notices, $1.32 first insertion, $1.20 for each additional insertion. Marriages, Cards of Thanks and In Memoriam Notices, $1.50 per insertion. Birth Notices, $1.00 per insertion. Business or Professional Cards of four lines or under, $3.50 per month. Additional space at $1.13 per line per month.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DEATHS

CALLARD—(By cable.)—On the 13th inst., at Oak Villa, Fairwarp, Uckfield, Sussex, Norman Leslie Callard, dearly beloved husband of Irene Callard, and late of "Brentholm," Qualicum.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. C. L. Ross and family wish to thank their many friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes sent them in their late bereavement.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 1

A.O.U.W., WESTERN Star Lodge, dance in Semple's Hall, New Year's Eve, 9 to 1. Admission 50c. Refreshments.

CATALOGUES of the coming Poultry Show (December 31-January 1, 2) are now ready and can be had from the feed dealers or H. D. Reid, 667 Manchester Road.

MRS. WINCH has removed from Pandora Ave. to Quadra Apartments, Suite 3, corner Fort and Quadra. Phone 7874L.

MRS. ALAN HORSFIELD, A.R.C.M., A.G.S.M., gold medallist, London, England, pianoforte teacher, 1728 N. Hampshire Road. Phone 6027Y1.

REGULAR meeting of the Knights and Dames of the Thistle will be held in Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, on Tuesday, December 18th, 1923. After a short session there will be a dance for members and friends. Charge, 25 cents.

THE Scottish Daughters will hold a dance at the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, Friday, Dec. 21, 8:45 p.m. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Refreshments served. Findlater's orchestra.

TURKEY and goose shooting match, Yew Tree Farm, Millstream Road, Langford, December 23rd, 12 o'clock, rain or shine. Fetch your rifles and sacks for birds. W. H. Smith.

THE St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society is holding a "Hogmanay Dance" on New Year's Eve, in the K. of P. Hall 8.30 to 12.30. Tickets 50c.

WHIST drive, Canadian Legion rooms, Friday, Dec. 21st. 2 large turkeys for firsts, also $1.50 and $1 scrip prizes. Admission 25c.

WANTED—MALE HELP 2

A GOOD bright boy, living in district, is wanted to deliver Colonist route around Deep Cove. Must have bicycle. Write at once to Colonist Circulation Manager.

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TO EXCHANGE 8

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DRESSMAKING 9

DRESSMAKING—Blouses, kimonos and alterations promptly done. Room 11, 1074½ Yates Street.

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MISCELLANEOUS 10

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TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS 11

HALL to Rent—Suitable for dances, parties or lectures. Phone 2699 or 6191.

WANTED TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS 12

GARAGE WANTED—Vicinity of Savoy Mansions. Phone 5883Y.

WANTED—Garage close to Alias Mansions, Cook and Collinson Streets. Box 8688, Colonist.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS 13

AS good as new—A very handsome Gerhard Heintzman upright cabinet grand, beautifully finished case, brilliant tone, easy action. Don't fail to come and see this snap. Low price and accommodating terms. Willis Pianos, Ltd., 1003 Government St. Phone 514.

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FOR Sale—A good piano (Gerhard); cash. Phone 2755X.

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FOR Sale—Lancaster hammerless 12-bore shotgun. Guns bought, sold and exchanged. J. A. Whitehead, Thos. Plimley's Garage.

FOR Sale—Child's play pen, rocking horses and hand push car. Phone 3801X.

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FOR Sale—Doll's brass bed, a snap, $3. Phone 4781L.

FOR Sale—Gent's fur-lined overcoat, grey flannel, and navy serge suits, size 38. Phone 5271L1.

FOR Sale—.22 Marlin repeating rifle, good condition, and 16-gauge shotgun, $12 each. Phone 1259L.

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS 13 (Continued)

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RELIABLE woman for light housework and care of children. 117 St. Lawrence, after 3.

RADIO set, two-stage Westinghouse, $35; like new; U.V. 199 tubes. Phone 7858.

SNAP—Sewing machine, automatic lift, for quick sale, $18.50. 718 Yates.

SNAP—Fumed oak dining-room suite, including round extension table, buffet with leaded lights and 6 real leather-seated chairs; good as new; $55. Oddy's, 1313 Douglas Street.

SOLID oak secretaire, with 3 large drawers, in first-class order. Snap, $21. Island Exchange, 733 Fort Street.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS 14

A Better Price is Assured for GENTS' AND LADIES' DISCARDED CLOTHING of the Better Sort by Phoning 3432 Or call 803 Fort Street

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BEST PRICES PAID. WE CALL
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735 FORT STREET PHONE 431

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WANTED—Piano; cash. No dealers. Box 6070, Colonist.

WANTED—No. 2 American sawmill, with gas engine. Write Box 6412, Colonist.

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ROOM AND BOARD 15

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MONTROSE Hotel—Good accommodation for a few more guests. Modern; steam heated. Rates $1 week up. Blanshard and View.

NEAR James Bay Hotel—Select warm rooms, running water, gas, garage. 1362.

RITZ HOTEL, 710 Fort St.—Fully modern, steam heat, elevator, H. and C. running water, telephones, etc. Rates from $1, weekly $4. Phone 31, 32.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS TO RENT 19

A SUITE of two rooms, in best part of Victoria, close in; every convenience for housekeeping. Phone 4860R.

APPLY 521 Simcoe Street—Well furnished ground floor suite, coal range, gas.

DELHI HOTEL—Housekeeping and single rooms. 617 Yates St. Mrs. Shelton.

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FURNISHED flat, central, conveniences, also housekeeping rooms. Apply 635 Vancouver. Phone 3578X.

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VANCOUVER, $10; Cook, $13—Comfortable suites or single rooms; every convenience, furnace.

2 AND 3-roomed housekeeping suites, half block from Spencer's. 733 View Street.

FLATS AND APARTMENTS TO RENT 21

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PARTLY furnished and unfurnished 2, 3 or 4-room suites; central, with garage accommodation; all freshly decorated and painted; from $6-$11.50 per month. Victoria Realty Co., 216-17 Central Bldg. Phone 3036.

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THREE rooms, newly decorated, above garage; rent $15, includes garage and water. Phone 1445Y.

TO Rent—Modern four-roomed suites in McDonald Block, Oak Bay Junction. Apply phone 4053R.

THE Kensington, 918½ Pandora Avenue—Furnished suite for rent. Phone 3435O. Adults only.

WELL situated, warm apartment; available from January 1, 1924. Phone 3527.

1118 NORTH Park Street — Furnished apartments, low rental to permanent tenants. 2513R.

TO RENT—HOUSES 23

2120 BEACH DRIVE, Oak Bay—Modern seven-roomed residence, open fireplace, built-in features, billiard room; basement, laundry tubs and furnace; large lot; garage. Rent $35.

1032 MONTEREY AVENUE, Oak Bay—Modern residence of eight rooms, newly painted and in splendid condition, hardwood floors, beamed and panelled, built-in features, open fireplace; garage; basement, laundry tubs and furnace. Rent $35.

1333 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, Victoria West—Six-roomed semi-bungalow, spotlessly clean, every modern convenience. Rent $25.

ROCK BAY DISTRICT—We have several cottages of four rooms each for rent at $11.50 and $12.50 per month.

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1405 Fernwood Rd., modern, 3 rooms, furnace.
2210 Vancouver St., 6 rms., furnace, garage.
5-Room Bungalow, Esquimalt.
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5-ROOMED house, near car. Inquire 1413 Harrison St., afternoons.

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES 24

MOTHER (60) and son (30) wish to rent 4-5-room unfurnished bungalow; or will take care of furnished home at a nominal rent. Phone 0636.

WANTED TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSES 25

WANTED—Well furnished house or bungalow, fully modern, January 1; careful tenant. Phone 3121R.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSES 26

FURNISHED HOUSE
TO BE LET

DRAWING-ROOM, sitting-room, dining-room, hall and cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, maids' room; 3 bathrooms; large basement; hot water heating. Tennis lawn, kitchen garden, orchard. Two hundred and fifty feet waterfrontage. Garage for two cars.

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THREE-ROOM furnished cottage, modern, 1809 Crescent Road. Phone 7077R.

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$1800—FULLY furnished 4-room cottage, including electric range; ¾ acre of excellent soil, full bearing fruit trees and small fruits; 2 miles out, close to car.

THE CITY BROKERAGE
(A. T. Abbey, Mgr.)
628 View Street Phone 315

$5250—BRAND new 6-room bungalow; all built-in features, hardwood floors, hot water heating, fireplace in living-room and dining-room. This is one of the best built bungalows and is situated in the best part of Oak Bay. R. B. Punnett, Pemberton Block. Phone 0007.

$1500 BUYS A WELL-BUILT 5-ROOM BUNGALOW, complete with cement basement and modern plumbing. Taxes only $15. Clear title. Near car line.

$1700 BUYS a fine, large 7-room house, in good repair, only half mile from City Hall, on good street; worth double the price asked. Call for card to view. Easy terms.

$2750 BUYS a 5-room semi-bungalow, basement, furnace, open fire. Large garden. Near Central Park, on fine residential street. Low taxes. This is well worth $4,500.

G. C. HOWELL
103 Pemberton Bldg. Phone 7393

SOMEBODY WILL BE LUCKY

WE have received instructions from the executors of the estate to dispose of this property regardless of cost, and we are, therefore, in a position to offer a real bargain to some lucky buyer.

The house, which consists of about 10 rooms, is fully modern and in first-class condition throughout. Several open fireplaces, furnace and all conveniences. Six good-sized bedrooms, two fully equipped bathrooms, back and front stairways, large glass conservatory; garage in basement. Most desirable location, on quiet street in high locality off Gorge Road. Good transportation facilities. No local improvement taxes.

THIS IS A GIFT AT $3,500

SWINERTON & MUSGRAVE
Exclusive Agents 640 Fort Street

$2250 FOR an absolutely modern four-room bungalow, located on Chapman St.; handy for city and cars. Comprises nice living-room with open fire; capital kitchen and two nice bedrooms; cement basement; big garden lot to lane at back. EASY TERMS.

I have a cash buyer for an attractive six-room bungalow in Fairfield or Oak Bay. Particulars, please.

HARRY AMPHLETT
212 Union Bank Building Phone 5900

J. B. LIVSEY
(Successor to Grant & Lineham, Ltd.)

$2100—MODERN BUNGALOW of five rooms and basement; bath, electric light, city water; half-acre of good garden; garage; fine high location, close to city, and adjoining interurban station. Easy terms arranged.

$2600 FOR A FINE SIX-ROOM HOME in residential section of Central Park; has built-in features, cement basement and garage; furnace heating; well constructed throughout and is the biggest snap in the market today.

$3000—ATTRACTIVE FULLY MODERN FIVE-ROOM BUNGALOW, in high part of city. Large, bright and cosy rooms; beam ceilings, built-in features, open fire, furnace, garage; half-acre of ground, with lots of sand. Very fine view over city and Straits.

Phone 484 Office, 1009 Douglas

$1050—N. QUADRA District—4-room cottage, hot and cold water, very large lot, with several good chicken houses, some furniture; high location. Terms.

$1800—4-ROOM cottage, open fireplace, nicely decorated and painted; stands on ¾ acre land, excellent soil, on the 3-mile circle, close to car and school. The cottage is fully furnished and has an electric range. Immediate possession. Terms.

E. E. HEATH
625 Yates St. Phone 276

3130 SHELBOURNE Street—4-room, clean, modern bungalow, large garden, garage if required.

HOUSES FOR SALE 39
(Continued)

PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO., LTD.
(London, England)

CHEAPEST FARM
BUY
IN
SAANICH

WITHIN 8 miles of centre of city and on the main paved East Saanich Road.

There are one hundred acres, 90 per cent of which is of the very best soil and will grow anything, the balance being excellent strawberry land.

About 40 per cent is under cultivation right now; the balance very easily made so.

There's a 6-room bungalow; good water supply and good barn.

The situation is ideal. Faces east and commands a lovely view of the water and surrounding hills.

The low price will surprise you—ask for it.

B.C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGY., LTD.
922 Government Street Phone 125

BRENTWOOD PROPERTIES
SPECIAL

3-ROOMED cottage, close to waterfront; lot 60x110. Includes boathouse. Price $650 cash, or $800 on terms.

1½ ACRES, FENCED

5-ROOMED cottage, with large barn, close to Brentwood Bay; first-class soil; good well. Immediate possession. Price (terms to arrange), $4,200.

H. G. DALBY & CO.
634 View Opp. Spencer's

R. V. WINCH & CO., LTD.

CHANCE TO SECURE COUNTRY HOME FAR BELOW COST

$6300—OVER 5 ACRES, nearly all cleared, in splendid situation, with modern 7-roomed house; large dining-room and living-room, 4 bedrooms (1 bedroom 30x20), hot and cold water laid on, 3 open fireplaces, edge-grained floors. Outbuildings, dairy, barn, chicken houses; gas engine, 1,000-gallon tank. The price has been reduced far below cost, as owner is anxious to sell.

For further particulars apply
R. V. WINCH & CO., LTD.
Winch Bldg. 640 Fort Street

OAK BAY HOMES

$3250 — CALIFORNIA bungalow of pleasing appearance and in first-class condition. Double living-room and dining-room, open fireplace, two bedrooms with up-to-date bathroom between. Nice kitchen; full cement basement, new furnace. Good garden, laid out in lawn and gardens, couple of fruit trees and small fruits.

$3500—MODERN bungalow of five rooms, situated close to school, south of Oak Bay Avenue. Rooms are comfortably arranged, open fireplace, built-in effects; Dutch kitchen; basement.

$6300—BRAND new stucco bungalow of seven rooms, excellently planned for convenience, exceptionally well lighted and in a position that give maximum of sunlight. Extra large drawing-room, with splendid granite fireplace (French doors being a feature); dining-room; Dutch kitchen, well equipped with built-in effects; three large bedrooms, good bathroom and sunroom; hardwood floors in main rooms. First-class finish inside and out, and hardware of the very best. Full cement basement and furnace. South of Oak Bay Avenue, one block from car.
Terms arranged.

HEISTERMAN, FORMAN & CO.
303 View Street Phone 30

WANTED TO BUY—HOUSES 40

HAVE CASH to invest in Victoria house property. Send full particulars to G. Howell, 103 Pemberton Bldg. Phone 7393.

ACREAGE FOR SALE 42

ACREAGE, with 5 large greenhouses and residences, near Victoria. Box 3051, Colonist.

RANCH BARGAIN

FIVE ACRES of choice land, no rock or swamp, all cultivated. Situate on main road, ten miles out, close to railway, city water and telephone. Handsome bungalow, containing two bedrooms, living-room, kitchen, bathroom and pantry. Outside buildings consist of chicken houses, brooder house and barn. Three hundred chickens go with the property. Price $4,000.

J. GREENWOOD
1238 Government Street

LOOK AT THIS, 3½ MILES FROM CITY HALL—4½ acres garden soil, fronting on lake, and a well-built 4-room bungalow, chicken houses, etc. Only $3,000, on terms.

5 ACRES CULTIVATED LAND, 4 miles out on paved road. City water and E. L. available. Mortgage sale. $1,000.

OVERLOOKING SEA—4 acres rich black loam; modern 8-room bungalow, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, electric light and phone; on paved road and B.C. Electric Railway. Price reduced to sell this year to $5,250.

G. C. HOWELL
103 Pemberton Bldg. Phone 7393

BRETT & KER, LTD.
632 Fort Street Phone 133
Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents

5 ACRES, all under cultivation, fenced and cross-fenced; on main highway in good district, with splendid marine view. Six-roomed bungalow of good appearance, with large front and back porches, in first-class condition. Stable for 3 head, with hayloft; poultry houses, shed and workshop. Good lawn with shrubbery surrounds the house; domestic orchard in bearing, also small fruits. Ample supply of water from drilled well. Immediate possession. Price $5,350. Terms.

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

5-ROOMED bungalow of true California type and interior finish, including heavy beaming, panelling, plate rails, built-in buffet, window seats, cabinet kitchen, etc.; full basement with furnace and wash trays. Prettily situated on a good paved and boulevarded street. Offered for $3,350, terms.

CHEAP FARM

50 ACRES, 15 cleared, 6 acres bottom land. House of 4 rooms, pantry, and bathroom. Chicken houses, barn for 15 head and outbuildings. Good mixed orchard. Water from well. Low taxes. Easy transportation; good roads.

PRICE $5,500; TERMS.

A. S. BARTON WISE & CO., LTD.
111 PEMBERTON BLDG.
PHONE 2001

BARGAIN SEEKERS, MAKE AN OFFER
$0000—SIX acres of park land, with lovely shade trees, family orchard and garden. Modern and attractive six-room house with full bathroom, open fires, city water, etc.; modern chicken houses, garage, etc.; eight miles from city; excellent transportation. No price is fixed. MAKE AN OFFER. SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GET A HUGE BARGAIN.
HARRY AMPHLETT
212 Union Bank Bldg. Phone 5900

$3000—AN exceptionally nice little home, consisting of one acre fine soil, all cultivated, large and small fruits. 5-roomed bungalow, city light, water and phone. Chicken house. Ideal location, on paved road, about 3 miles out. Owner going East.

MUTUAL REALTY
410 Sayward Bldg.

BEAUTIFUL ELK LAKE FARM
9 ACRES, just off East Saanich Road, overlooking lake; about 8 acres cultivated; orchard; fine soil. House and barn. Close to the new golf links and amusement park. Only $4,500. Bagshawe & Co., Sayward Bldg.

ACREAGE FOR SALE 42
(Continued)

PEMBERTON & SON
Pemberton Bldg. Phone 333

41⅓ ACRES, with about 30 cleared, with 50 assorted fruit trees, also a splendid assortment of small fruits. The grounds near the house are nicely laid out, an exceptionally good assortment of rare shrubs and flowers. The dwelling has eight rooms, covering a ground space of 45 ft. by 54 ft. The house is well planned, with all modern conveniences. Every room is in perfect condition. Barn accommodation for 8 head, poultry houses for 100 birds. Garage and other outbuildings. A never-failing water supply. This property is well situated, commanding an excellent view and close to the sea. The owner has reduced his price to $12,000.

Photos and other information at our office.

PEMBERTON & SON
Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents
625 Fort Street Victoria, B.C.

A COWICHAN FARM
All Ready to Start Right In

10 ACRES of choicest land, within mile of station, 6 acres in pasture and garden, some large and small fruits; 5-roomed bungalow with living-room 13x20, massive fireplace. Price includes all household furniture, cow, chickens and motor car in perfect running order. Only $4,500; or unfurnished, $3,700. A real pick-up, and choice location.
CROSS & CO. Belmont House

2½-ACRE fruit farm; 4-roomed house, light, water; close in. $2,000, terms. Box 5286, Colonist.

ACREAGE WANTED 43

WANTED—Waterfront acreage, reasonably close in; must be cheap. Box 6301, Colonist.

PROPERTY FOR SALE 44

CHOICE BUILDING LOTS

BEACH DRIVE—Two splendid building lots, size 50 ft. by 100 ft. each; close to the Oak Bay Park and waterfront. Price only $525 for the two.

BOWKER AVENUE—Large level building lot, size 70 ft. by 150 ft., facing south and commanding a splendid view of the water. Price reduced to $400.

NEWPORT AVENUE—Lot, 100 ft. by 150 ft., facing Newport Avenue and backing to the golf course. Price only $1,500.

P. R. BROWN & SONS
1112 Broad Street Phone 1076

$6250—A MOST comfortable, modern residence, standing in 2 acres of land, with good open view, containing 2 sitting-rooms with open fireplaces, hall, kitchen, pantry, lavatory, 2 large and 1 small bedrooms, with h. and c. wash basins; bathroom, toilet; cement basement; central heating and electric light throughout; very pretty garden; garage; close to golf and tennis clubs.
C. WALLICH
Real Estate and Insurance Agent
Cowichan Station E. & N. Railway

PROPERTY WANTED 45

WANTED to Buy—Lot, south of Oak Bay Avenue, for cash. Box 6270, Colonist.

FARMS FOR SALE 47

FOR Sale—Dairy farm near Nanaimo, approximately fifty (50) acres, with twenty-eight in crop this year. Nine milking cows, seven yearlings, some calves, two horses, one bull, one hundred hens, some rabbits, etc. All cattle registered Jerseys. One dwelling house, large barn, milk house, sheds, outhouses. Large quantity farm implements and machinery. About fifty tons hay, twelve tons roots. Clear title deed. Only reason for selling death of owner. Dairy business realizes $300 per month. Situated five minutes from bay and village it supplies. Price $10,000 cash, or $12,000 on terms. Apply Robt. Donnechie, 274 Nicol Street, Nanaimo.

MONEY TO LOAN 52

AGREEMENTS for sale and mortgages purchased. Money to loan on improved property. Dunlop & Foot, Barristers, 612 Sayward Bldg.

AT current rates of interest on improved property. Victoria Realty Company, 216-217 Central Bldg. Phone 3030.

IN sums ranging from $250 to $20,000, on improved farm and city property. Apply P. R. Brown & Sons, 1112 Broad Street. Phone 1076.

HAVE client with $3,500 to loan on improved city property. F. F. Higgs, Real Estate and Insurance, 203 Pemberton Bldg.

MONEY to Loan on improved property. Heisterman, Forman & Co., 303 View Street. Phone 30.

PERSONAL 56

DEAR Madge,—Your Tom loves a good sausage. Give him Prested's. They are all pork. Real Jake. You can get them in the Market on Wednesday and Saturday at Stall 10, or phone 1317. Yours ever, Maud.

RT. REV. KATE JORDAN, spiritual readings daily, from 1 to 6 p.m., or by appointment. Suite 20 Surrey Blk., 610 Yates St. Phone 7072L.

TIMBER BROKERS 60

LARGE and small tracts of timber, accessible to rail and water, for sale. Wise & Co., 109 Pemberton Bldg.

RYAN MACINTOSH TIMBER COMPANY, LIMITED, TIMBER CRUISERS, VALUATORS AND CONSULTING ENGINEERS. Timber for sale in large or small tracts. Crown grant or licence, in any part of the Province. 702 BELMONT HOUSE, VICTORIA.

The Returned Professional and Business Men's Association of Victoria, B.C.

Respectfully solicits the patronage of local residents in the lines of business hereunder mentioned:

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P. L. JAMES, 621 Sayward Building. Phone 6075.
RALPH BERRILL, A.R.I.B.A., 6 Brown Block. Phone 5342.

AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS
THE MECHANICAL MOTOR WORKS, 2330 Oak Bay Avenue. Phone 5354.

AWNING MAKER
GEO. RIGBY, 626 Fisgard Street. Phone 5430.

AUTO PAINTER
VETERANS' AUTO PAINTING WORKS, 1150 Blanshard Street.

BUILDERS' SUPPLIES
JOHNSON BROS., 2744 Avebury Street. Phone 6790.

BONDS
G. C. MORRIS, 711 Fort. Phone 3149.

CARPENTER AND BUILDER
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ELECTRICIANS
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FINANCIAL AGENTS
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W. J. BRICK, 607 B.C. Permanent Loan Building. Phone 2970.

LAWYERS
Names of five Legal Firms may be obtained from the President. Phone 2915.

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TOBACCONIST
J. DIROM, Horseshoe Cigar Stand, 1220 Government Street. Phone 7189O.

WELLINGTON COLLIERY RAILWAY COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Room 600, Belmont Building, corner of Government and Humboldt Streets, in the City of Victoria, B.C., on Monday, the Seventh day of January, 1924, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of Directors of said Company for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business connected with and incidental to the undertaking of the Railway Company that may be dealt with at an Annual General Meeting of its Shareholders.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this First day of December, 1923.

P. S. FAGAN,
Secretary of the Wellington Colliery Railway Co.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Tenders are invited for the purchase of one dump wagon, very little used. Tenders must be addressed to the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, and delivered not later than 5 p.m., Dec. 26th. The wagon can be seen at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Estate of Luigi Trigatti, otherwise known as Louis Trigarte, Deceased,

and

In the Matter of the "Administration Act."

Notice is hereby given that, under an Order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice McDonald, dated the 13th day of December, A.D. 1923, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the Estate of the above-named deceased. All parties having claims against the said Estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before the 20th day of January, A.D. 1924, and all parties indebted to the said Estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 13th day of December, A.D. 1923.

R. L. COX,
Official Administrator.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Schools Open to Beginners, Jan. 7

Children commencing school for the first time will be admitted to the Victoria Graded Schools upon the reopening of schools after Christmas vacation. Only children are eligible for admission who have reached the age of six on or before February 28th, 1924. Parents are requested to register names with principal concerned or at the School Board Office. No beginners will be admitted after January 18th, 1924.

Board of School Trustees, Victoria, B.C., December 18th, 1923.

MAYNARD & SONS
Auctioneers

Instructed by the owners, we will sell at salesrooms, 727-733 Pandora Avenue,

Today, 1:30 P.M.

Extra well-kept

Household Furniture and Furnishings

Dayton Computing Scales, Total Adding Cash Register, 3 Show Cases, Etc.

Including: Small English Cottage Piano and Stool, very good three-piece Mahogany Parlor Suite upholstered in silk, Mahogany Centre Table, Mahogany Jardiniere Stand, large Edison Amberola and Records, Electric Vacuum Sweeper, two very good Drophead Singer Sewing Machines, good Leather Couch in Oak Frame, large Upholstered Arm Chair, small Davonette, Upholstered Arm Chair and Rocker, small Chinese Table and Stands, Electric Reading Lamp, very good Electric Chandeliers, several good Carpets, two Fur Coats, Clocks, China Vases and Ornaments, Platedware, Chinese Baskets, Banjo, Brass Jardiniere, Pictures, Books, Records, Parlor Pool Tables, Ladies' and Gents' Bicycles, very good Round Pedestal Dining Table with set of six Dining Chairs to match in Fumed Oak, Mission Oak Dining-Room Suite, consisting of Round Dining Table, set of full Leather-Seated Dining Chairs and Buffet; single and full size Iron Beds, Springs and Mattresses, good Dressers and Stands, Chiffoniers, large Chest of Drawers, Bedroom Table, Chairs and Rockers, Feather Bed, four good Baby Buggies, Go-Carts, High Chairs, Linoleum, Rocking Horses, Boys' Scooters, Tricycle, Hand Sewing Machine, Blankets, Pillows, Comforts, Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves, Gas Range, very good three-burner Oil Stove and Oven, Kitchen Tables, Kitchen Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Jam Jars, Crockery and Glassware, Meat Safe, Washing Machines, Screen Doors, Stepladder, Toilet complete, Hose, Wheelbarrows, small Forge, Enamel Sinks, Gasoline Mangle, etc.

Also at 11 o'Clock in Our Stockyard
Usual line of Poultry, Rabbits, Wire Netting, Carrots, Turnips, Cabbage, Celery, etc.

MAYNARD & SONS
Auctioneers Phone 837

N.B.—We will hold a special sale of Toys Saturday night, 8 o'clock.

No. 93-C
MESSRS.
ROBERTS & MELLOR
Auctioneers

Important Sale of
Valuable Furs

Messrs. Roberts & Mellor, instructed, will sell by public auction in their rooms, 726 Fort Street, on

Monday, Dec. 24

At 2 p.m., a quantity of Tailor-made travellers' samples of valuable Furs, including Persian Lamb Necklets, Stoles, Chokers, Ermine Neckpieces, Persian Lamb Throws, with pockets, Seal and Unplucked Seal Cape Collars, a Fine Plucked Beaver Coat (bust 38), Tibet Neck Pieces, Genuine White Fox Fur, Muskrat and Mink Neckpieces and other goods.

These are all this season's styles.

On view morning of sale.

ROBERTS & MELLOR
726 Fort Street Phone 2476

BARTHOLOMEW'S
1410 Douglas St., and 1115-17-19 Fort St.
ANTIQUES, FURNITURE
A FEW SETS ONLY of WHEATLEY'S "OLD LONDON CRIES"
There are 10 beautifully hand colored prints in old black and gold frames complete in each set. The first impressions of the above would be valued today at over £1,000 ($5,000). Price $75 the set of 10. These should be snapped up at once.
Best Selection of Antique and General Used Furniture in B.C. Phones 2272 and 1811.

Livestock Auction
Today at 2 P.M.
City Market Auction
3 GOOD DAIRY COWS

2 Sucking Pigs, Dressed Turkeys (fine birds, guaranteed not cold storage).
Usual Lot of Poultry, Apples and Vegetables, Sharples Cream Separator, Linoleum and usual miscellaneous effects.

FREDERICK KIDGELL
Auctioneer
646 Fisgard Street Phone 2484

No. 91-C
MESSRS.
ROBERTS & MELLOR

Duly instructed by Mrs. W. S. Boyce, will sell by Public Auction at her residence, 1224 Oxford Street,

Today, December 21

at 2 o'clock, the whole of her nearly new and well-kept

Household Furniture and Effects

Including Mahogany and Inlaid Easy Chair, Willow Arm and Rocking Chairs with spring seats up, in tapestry; Oc. Tables, Music Cabinet, Jardinieres, Ornaments, Fire Basket and Guard; Bordered Wilton Carpet, 12 x 9; well-made brown oak Dining-Room Suite, consisting of Extension Table, set of Chairs in leather), China Cabinet, Secretaire Bookcase, Encyclopedia Brittanica, Nations of the World and other books and magazines; E. Fan, Oak Mantel Clock, Ornaments, Curtains and Wilton Rug, 9 x 9 Brass and Enameled Beds and Mattresses, handsome Oak Bureau, Chiffoniere Lounge with loose cover and cushions; Arm and Bedroom Chairs, Pictures, Oc. Table, quantity of good Toys, El. Train, etc., Gurney-Oxford Gas Range, Gas Water Heater, K. Comfort, K. Chairs, El. Vac. Cleaner, Cooking Utensils, Sealers, Preserves, Linoleum, Hose, Lawn Mower, 2 Boilers, Wringer, Tubs and Boards, Hammock, Garden Tools and usual effects.

On view this morning.

Take No. 6 car to Oxford Street.

Further particulars from the Auctioneers.

ROBERTS & MELLOR
726 Fort Street Phone 2476

MAYNARD & SONS
AUCTIONEERS
The Sale of
English Stainless Cutlery and Platedware
Will be held on
Saturday, 1:30
Instead of Friday, owing to our large sale of furniture

This cutlery will be on view this afternoon and Saturday morning.
Special sale of toys Saturday night.

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Furniture Snaps

Brass Bed, Spring and Mattress....$16.00
Overstuffed Chairs, $59, $29 and 19.00
Pair Lovely Tapestry Chairs for 39.00
Tapestry Chesterfield, a snap.... 69.00
Choice Mahogany Secretaire.... 39.00
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Round Fumed Oak Dining Table.... 25.00
Gramophones, with Records, $75 to 12.50
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Dressers, Chiffoniers, Library Tables, Pictures, Cut Glass, Silver, Curios, Etc.

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MAJOR LONGSTAFFE COMPARES CITIES

Some interesting points about the geographical position of London and Paris, as compared with Victoria, were given recently by Major Longstaff at a meeting of the Victoria committee of the Comite France-Canada.

If Victoria were placed on the same degree of longitude it would be 29.9 miles south of Paris. London, on the other hand, would be 272 miles north. The latitude of the northern frontier of British Columbia is 60 degrees, while that of the northern frontier of France is 51 degrees 5 minutes. The southern frontier of British Columbia is 49 degrees; that of France is 42 degrees 20 minutes. The area of British Columbia is 390,-344 square miles; that of France in Europe is 212,895. The populations show a reversal of the figures, however, British Columbia's in 1920 being 718,000, while that of France was 37,499,394. British Columbia's had increased noticeably in the nine years from 1911, the population in 1911 being 392,480, whereas that of France was 39,601,509.

Major Longstaffe gave figures showing that fifteen cities of France had a population of over 100,000, heading the list, being Paris, with a population of 2,906,472. Marseilles and Lyons were the only two other cities in the 500,000 group, Bordeaux came next with 267,000, and Lille with 201,000, the remaining ten cities ranging from less than 200,000 down to slightly more than 100,000.

Shoe Strike Ends

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The strike of the boot and shoe workers employed by the Tetrault Shoe Manufacturing Company ended yesterday, when the 400 strikers returned to work. The settlement, details of which are lacking, is reported to be satisfactory to both sides.

Make Reservations early for Christmas Dinner at the Strathcona Hotel. $1.00. 12-2 and 5:30-8.

FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

STOCKS REFLECTING SOLID TRADE BASIS

Wall Street Journal Thinks That Public Opinion Will Defeat Bonus Bill

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Wall Street Journal says: With Congress preparing to take itself out of the economic picture until after the holidays, stocks had a chance today to reflect the splendid character of trade fundamentals, which remain unchanged despite the clouding effect of anxiety over Washington developments. No recurrence of the mid-week selling pressure took place, and a generally strong tone characterized the entire session, which, however, was marked by a substantial falling off in the volume of dealing, reflecting the usual holiday lull.

Encouragement was derived from the vote on the bonus measure, which was the first test to which its strength has been subjected. With consideration of this bill delayed until the start of the new year, confidence was felt that public opinion against its adoption would crystalize sufficiently to insure its ultimate defeat. Aside from the few specialties like May Store and Computing, Tabulating & Recording, no stocks stood out above the rest.

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)
All Fractions in Eighths

	High	Low	Close
Ajax Rubber	6	6	3
Allis Chalmers	44-4	44-1	44-4
Allied Chem.	69-3	66-7	68-7
Am. Beet Sugar	42	41-5	41-4
Am. Bosch Mag.	55-5	33-3	33-6
Am. Can.	103-4	104-2	104-3
Am. Car & Fdy.	161-4	160	160
Am. Intl. Corp.	33-3	21-0	35
Am. Linseed	18-3	18	18-2
Am. Locomotive	74-5	76-7	73-4
Am. Ship & Comm.	11-1	10-4	11-1
Am. Smelters	57-7	57-4	57-4
Am. Steel Fdy.	37-1	33-7	37-1
Am. Sugar	37-3	57	37-0
Am. Sum. Tob.	10-4	10-4	10-4
Am. Tel. & Tel. ex-div.	125	124-7	125
Am. Woolens	72-4	71-1	71-4
Anaconda	33-7	33-5	36-4
Atlantic Gulf	17-6	18-5	17-3
Atchison	05-3	04-0	03-0
Baldwin Loco	123-5	124	124-7
Baltimore & Ohio	58-4	57-0	53-5
Bethlehem Steel	52-4	51-5	32-3
California Packing	79-3	70-5	70-5
California Pete	25-4	24-3	24-6
Canadian Pacific	143	144-0	144-7
Cast Iron Pipe	66-7	61	61
Cerro de Pasco	45-6	45-3	45-3
Central Leather	13-6	11-3	13-0
Chandler	64-4	62-6	63
Chesapeake & Ohio	70-5	60-3	63-0
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	11-7	11-4	11-4
Chic., Mil. & St. P. pfd.	31-4	31-2	31-3
Chic. & Northwest	31-3	40-7	40-7
Chic., R.I. & Pac.	22	21-7	25
Chile Copper	27-4	27-4	27-4
Chino Copper	17-3	17-5	17-6
Coco Cola	73	75-4	73-6
Columbia Gas	33-6	33-3	33-3
Cons. Gas	56-5	57-3	58-3
Cont. Can.	54-3	33-3	33-7
Corn Products	133-4	133	153-4
Cosden Oil	35-4	34-1	34-3
Cuba Am. Sugar	35-7	35-1	35-4
Cuba C. Sugar	13-7	15-1	13-4
Cuba C. Sugar pfd.	65	61-6	62-6
Crucible Steel	63-5	65-4	65-4
Davison Chem.	73	72-7	75-3
Del., Lack. & West.	112-5	116	112
Dupont Powder	130	128-4	133-4
Endicott Johnson	65-4	64-7	65-4
Erie	62	21-3	31-4
Erie 1st pfd.	50-2	20-2	50-4
Famous Players	63	67	68
General Asphalt	37-7	35-3	37-4
General Electric	104-4	134	134
General Motors	13	14-5	14-5
Goodrich Rubber	50-3	20-5	50-5
Granby	14-4	14-1	14-1
Great Northern Ore.	35-6	27-6	25-6
Great Northern pfd.	37-3	33-5	56-3
Gulf States Steel	50-3	78-4	79-4
Houston Oil	70-3	68-3	60
Hupp Motor	17-4	17-3	17-3
Illinois Central	101-4	101-4	101-4
Inspiration	35	24-3	54-6
Intl. Harv.	78-3	77-4	77-4
Intl. Mer. Marine	5-5	3-4	3-4
Intl. Mer. Mar. pfd.	50-3	33-6	53-3
Intl. Nickel	13-7	13-5	13-3
Intl. Paper	38-6	37-6	37-7
Invincible Oil	13-5	14-6	14-6
Jones Tea	24-1	21-5	24-1
Julius Kayser	50	35-4	33
Kan. City Southern	13	16	18
Kennicott Copper	34	33-4	33-6
Kelly Springfield	31-1	30-5	30-7
Keystone Tire	3-7	3-7	5-7
Kresge	230	230	230
Lehigh Valley	61	31	81
Lima	65-3	63	56-5
Louis. & Nash	80-0	30-4	30-6
Mack Truck	33	87-3	87-5
Maryland Oil	35	33	35
Maxwell "A"	48-4	46	48
Maxwell "B"	15-4	13-3	13-3
May Dept. Stores	31-4	87-4	31-4
Mexican Seaboard	10-4	13-5	15-5
Miami	31-4	21-4	21-4
Middlestates Oil	7	6-6	3-6
Midvale Steel	57-6	27-6	57-6
Miss. Pacific	0-4	0-3	0-3
Miss. Pac. pfd.	36-6	36-4	36-3
Moon Motor	35-4	25	25
National Enamel	40-5	40-7	40-7
National Lead	135	135-1	134
Nevada Cons.	12	11-7	12
Norfolk & West	103-4	103-4	103-4
North American	22-4	22-1	32-1
Northern Pacific	33-5	37-1	53-3
N.Y. Central	104-4	104	104
N.Y., N.H. & Hart	13-1	13-1	13-1
N.Y., Ont. & West	10-5	16-3	13-2
Owen Bottle	45-5	42	42
Packard Motor	12-6	12-2	12-3
Pacific Oil	47-7	47	47-1
Pan-American	33-3	62-5	65-3
Pan American "B"	60-3	30	60-1
Pennsylvania R.R.	41-3	41-4	41-0
People's Gas	37	06-4	05-4
Pere Marquette	40-3	40-1	40-6
Phillips Pete	33	32-3	32-4
Pierce Arrow	6-6	3-3	8-6
Pittsburgh Coal	32-4	63-5	65-4
Prod. & Ref.	31-3	30	31
Pullman Co.	122	121-4	151-5
Punta Allegre	57-3	56-2	57-3
Pure Oil	31-3	20-5	20-3
Reli Steel Spring	106	106	106
Ray Cons	11-5	11-3	11-0
Reading	73-3	73	70
Replogle Steel	11-6	11-3	11-5
Rep. Iron & Steel	48-7	48	48
Raynolds Tob. "B"	74	73-1	75-1
Royal Dutch	48	48	48
Shell Union	16-3	15-7	16-1
Sinclair Cons	26-5	23-4	25-6
Skelly Oil	37	36-3	37
Sloss Sheffield	57	56-4	56-4
Southern Pac.	86	85-0	85-7
Southern Railway	37	36-4	36-4
Standard Oil, Cal.	62-7	61-3	61-6
Standard Oil, N.J.	37-3	36-6	37-3
Standard Oil, Ind.	64	63-5	63-6
Stewart Warner	89-5	39-1	80-4
Stromberg Carb.	78	78	76
Studebaker	105-3	104-3	105-3
Tennessee Copper	8	8	8
Texas Co.	42-4	42-1	45-3
Texas Gulf Sulphur	61-7	31-3	61-0
Texas Pac. R.R.	18-4	10-2	18-4
Tex. Pac. C. & O.	11-4	11-1	11-3
Timken Roller	38-1	38-1	38-1
Tobacco Prod.	71-7	70-1	71-6
Tob. Prod. "A"	31	30-6	01
Trans. Oil	4	4-6	4-3
Union Pacific	126-7	128-4	126-7
United Fruit	181	181	181
U.S. Ind. Alco.	66	64-6	63-4
U.S. Rubber	37-3	36-3	36-4
U.S. Steel	96-3	04-3	04-0
U.S. Smelting	16	18	16
Utah Copper	63-0	64-3	63-5
Vacuum Oil	54-3	54-5	54-2
Vanadium	30-4	29-3	30-4
Wabash	34-1	35-7	33-7
Western Union	108	109	106
Westing. Elec.	60-3	59-7	60-5
White Motor	35	35	38
Willys-Overland	6-7	6-5	5-6
Willys-Overland pfd.	30-5	73-7	73-7
Woolworth	230	230	230

MONTREAL STOCKS

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)
All Fractions in Eighths

	Close
Abitibi	61
Bell Telephone	137-3
Brompton Paper	40
Can. Car Fdy., com.	31-4
Can. S.S., Com.	11
Detroit United	67
Lake of Woods Milling	160
Laurentide Co.	88-4
National Breweries	33
Atlantic Sugar	17-3
Ogilvie Milling Co.	307
Quebec Ry.	16
Steel of Canada	74-4
Wayagamac Pulp	38

MONEY MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Call money easier; high 4¾; low 4½; ruling rate 4¾; closing bid 4½; offered at 4¾; last loan 4½; call loans against acceptances 4¼.

Time loans easier; mixed collateral, 30-90 days, 5; 4-6 months, 5.

Prime commercial paper 4¾ to 5 per cent.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Money 1¾ per cent. Discount rates: Short and three months' bills 3¼ per cent.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Foreign exchanges irregular. Quotations in cents: Great Britain—Demand, 436¼; cables, 433½; 30-day bills on banks, 463½. France—Demand, 5.10½; cables, 5.17. Italy—Demand, 4.32½; cables, 5.33. Belgium—Demand, 4.35½; cables, 4.36. Germany — Demand, .000000000025; cables, .000000000025. Holland—Demand, 38.00; cables, 38.03. Norway—Demand, 14.33. Sweden—Demand, 33.36. Denmark—Demand, 17.36. Switzerland—Demand, 17.44. Spain—Demand, 13.03. Greece—Demand, 1.85. Poland—Demand, .00002. Czecho-Slovakia—Demand, 2.33. Jugo-Slavia—Demand, 1.15¼. Austria—Demand, .0014. Roumania—Demand, .32¼. Argentina—Demand, 35.25. Brazil—Demand, 0.40. Montreal, 07 17-32.

NEW YORK CURB

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Limited)
3 O'CLOCK LIST

Industrials	Bid.	Asked.
Acme Coal	1	1¼
Centrifugal	20	59⅝
Checker Cab	57⅝	58
Durant Del.	27⅝	50⅜
Mesabi	7½	7⅝
Stutz	0½	0¾
Radio	3⅞	4
Reo	17	17¼
Tob. Prod. Ex.	4⅜	4¼
Un. Profit Shra.	7½	7⅝
Un. Retail Candy	3	3¼
Cities Svc., com.	140½	141½
Cities Svc., pfd.	67⅛	68⅛
Cities Svc., Bkrs.	14⅝	18
Oils		
Carib.	4⅝	4⅝
Federal	63	73
Glenrock	30	40
Int. Pete.	17⅝	17⅝
Keystone Ranger	1	2
Mari Mexico	4⅝	4½
Mexico Oil	58	32
Mutual Oil	11¼	11⅝
Noble Oil	10	11
Pennock	12⅜	13
Ryan Cons.	2⅝	6
Sapulpa	35	00
Salt Cr. Prod.	18⅜	20
Salt Cr. Cons.	8⅛	10
Seaboard Oil	55	00
Wilcox	6⅝	3¼
Mines		
Ariz. Globe	15	14
Butte & West	20	30
Cal. Jerome	0	10
Candelabria	3	3
Cons. Copper	1¼	1 3-16
Cresson	5⅝	5⅝
Delores	70	73
Eureka	13	14
Hecla	3⅝	3⅝
Hollinger	10⅝	11⅝
Howe Sound	3⅝	3
Ind. Lead	13	17
J. C. Dev.	1⅝	3
Kerr Lake	2	2¼
Mason Valley	1½	1⅝
Ny. Porcupine	23	43
Nipissing	6¼	6⅝
Ohio Cop.	73	73
Ray Herc.	20	30
Simone Lead	1	2
Success	43	33
Teck Hughes	1⅛	1 5-12
Tuolomae	3	4
Un. Eastern	32	34
Un. Verde	26½	27½

Yields on Active Unlisted Stocks

A. J. Pattison, Jr., & Co., members Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges, furnish the following approximate quotations on Unlisted Bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
Abitibi Gen. Mtge. 6's, 1940	04.75	36.00
Acadia Sugar 7's, 1940	.....	38.00
Alabama Traction 5's, 1963	66.30	65.00
Algoma Steel 5's, 1962	.....	30.00
Am. Sales Book 5's, 1927	07.30	.....
Ashdown Hardware 5's, 1953	37.00	01.00
Belding Paul 5's, 1936	34.00	37.00
Belgo-Can. Paper 6's, 1943	02.00	34.00
Black Lake Income Bonds	.....	30.00
Brandram Henderson 5's, 1930	33.00	01.00
Brompton P. & P. 5's, 1941	103.00	110.00
Burns, P., 6½'s, 1946	06.00	100.00
Calgary Brewing 5's, 1943	74.30	76.00
Can. Power & Light 5's, 1948	74.00	76.73
Can. Machinery 6's, 1940	75.30	76.00
Can. Paper Board 7's, 1937	.....	03.00
Can. Paint 6's, 1926	.....	01.50
Can. Salt 7's, 1941	03.30	102.50
Can. Steamship 7's, 1945	04.00	06.73
Con. Tungsten 7's, 1951	06.30	06.00
Davies, Wm., 5's, 1946	33.00	38.00
Dom. Iron & Steel 5's, 1953	38.00	30.73
Dom. Power & Trans. 5's, 1935	33.00	03.00
Dom. Sewer Pipe 6's, 1927	94.00	97.30
Dunlop Tire 6's, 1967	.....	98.00
Eastern Car 6's, 1962	.....	05.00
Fraser 5's, 1941	103.00	102.30
Frontenac Brewery 5's, 1931	76.00	30.00
Greening Wire 6½'s, 1943	.....	100.00
Guardian Realty 6's, 1933	33.00	.....
Harris Abbatoir 5's, 1923	09.00	101.00
Holt Renfrew 6½'s, 1957	.....	100.00
Howard Smith 7's, 1941	97.30	100.00
Int'l Milling 6's, 1930	03.75	06.30
Jamaica Public Service 5½'s, 1943	.....	100.00
King Edward Hotel 7's, 1935	.....	36.50
K. & S. Tire 7's, 1957	78.00	84.00
Lake Sup. Paper 5's, 1941	103.00	105.00
Loew's Toronto 8% Notes	02.00	08.00
Loew's Toronto 5's, 1934	36.00	30.30
Manitoba Power 7's, 1941	08.00	100.00
Maple Leaf Mill, 6½'s, 1943	38.50	101.00
Mattagami Pulp 5's, 1937	64.00	67.00
Mattagami Pulp Deb.	57.30	21.00
McCormick Manufacturing 6½'s, 1940	.....	05.00
Mercury Mills 5½'s, 1942	93.00	100.00
Montreal Water & Power 5's, 1932	30.00	52.50
Neilson, Wm., 5's, 1953	03.00	.....
Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto 5's, 1929	36.00	37.00
Nor. Can. Power 6½'s, 1933	05.00	06.00
Nor. Ontario L. & P. 6's, 1931	39.50	01.25
Nova Scotia Steel 6% Deb.	79.35	52.50
Ontario Pulp 5's, 1931	102.00	107.00
Ontario Hydro 6's, 1957	30.00	52.73
Southern Can. Power 5's, 1948	06.00	100.00
Spanish River 5's, 1941	103.50	103.30
St. Maurice Power 5½'s, 1933	102.00	103.50
Standard Clay Products 6's, 1942	.....	50.30
Stetson Cutler 7's, 1942	.....	06.00
Stewart Term., 1957-1955	.....	100.00
Stone Ltd. 6's, 1931	35.00	00.00
Toronto Paper 5's, 1943	93.00	09.75
Toronto Power 5's, 1924	00.00	100.00
Wamsley, Chas., 5's, 1943	03.00	03.00
West. Can. Flour 6's, 1928	09.00	102.00
Western Power of Canada 7's, 1940	33.00	36.73
Windsor Hotel 6½'s, 1943	08.00	101.00
Winnipeg Elec. 5's, 1955	33.00	01.00
Woods Mfg. 5's, 1943	.....	33.00

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Mining	Bid	Asked
Boundary Red Mountain	.13	.54
Bawene Copper	..	.10
Coalmont Collieries	..	50.00
Cons. M. & S.	27.00	30.00
Cork Province	.06½	.03½
Douglas Channel	.01	.01¾
Dunwall Mines	..	3.75
Granby	14.00	..
Hazelton Gold-Cobalt	..	.01
Howe Sound	3.73	3.30
Indian Mines	.60	.76
International Coal	.11	.14
Liberator Mining Co.	..	.05
McGillivray Coal	.03	.73
Premier Mines	3.00	..
Rambler-Cariboo	..	.06
Sheep Creek Cons.	.00⅜	.00½
Silver Crest Mines	..	.02
Silversmith	..	.33
Snug Cove Copper	..	.02
Standard Silver Lead	..	.21
Sunloch Mines	..	.30
Surf Inlet Gold	..	.17
Oils		
Athabasca Oil	..	.00
Boundary Bay Oil	.00 1-10	.00¾
Empire Oil	..	.00½
Pitt Meadows	..	.02
Spartan Oil	.00¼	.00⅜
Sweetgrass	.00⅜	.00⅝
Trojan Oil	.04⅜	..
Utility Oil	..	.00½
British Pete	1.65	..
Miscellaneous		
Allen Theatre pfd.	21.00	..
B.C. Permanent Loan	04.50	100.00
C. P. R.	146.00	100.00
Gregory Tire & Rubber	..	3.00

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Copper quiet. Electrolytic, spot and futures 13⅛c to 13¼c. Tin, spot and futures $46.25 to $46.37. Iron unchanged. Lead firm, spot $7.40. Zinc, East St. Louis, spot and nearby $6.30 to $6.35. Antimony, spot $9.25.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Standard copper, spot £61 17s 6d; futures £62 15s. Electrolytic, spot £61 17s 6d; futures £68 15s. Electrolytic, spot Tin, spot £230 12s 6d; futures £232 12s 6d. Lead, spot £30 10s; futures £29 17s 6d. Zinc, spot £36 15s 6d; futures £33 17s 6d.

RAW SUGAR

(By B.A. Bond Corp., Ltd.)

	High	Low	Close
January	5.43	5.35	5.40
December	6.77	6.73	5.77
March	4.73	4.67	4.69
May	4.77	4.73	4.73
July	6.81	4.76	5.70

WINNIPEG WHEAT EXTREMELY DULL

Prices Manifest Slight Easing Off, But No Features Characterize Markets

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The wheat was extremely dull today and there were no features of note. Prices, if anything, were showing a little easier tendency.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	92⅝	93¼	92½	92⅝b
May	98⅝	98⅝	98	98
July	98⅞	98⅞	98⅝	99⅝b
Oats—				
Dec.	36½	36¾	36⅝b	36⅝b
May	41⅛	41⅛	41	41a
July	42	45	41⅝a	41⅞
Barley—				
Dec.	35	33¼	34⅞	35b
May	53⅝	56⅞	36⅝	56½
Flax—				
Dec.	198	198½	197¼	196
May	205	205½	204½	203a
July	..	..	..	205½
Rye—				
Dec.	64⅝	64⅝	64¼b	64¼b
May	69¾	70⅛b	69⅝	70a

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 nor., 93½; 2 nor., 90½; 3 nor., 84½; No. 4, 77½; No. 5, 69½; No. 6, 67⅛; feed, 63¼; track, 92⅛. Special rusted grades: No. 4, 77⅝; No. 5, 80⅛; No. 6, 67½.

Oats—2 cw., 36⅝; 3 cw., 33⅝; extra 1 feed, 33⅝; 1 feed, 31½; 2 feed, 30⅝; rejected, 28⅝; track, 36⅝.

Barley—3 cw., 53; 4 cw., 50½; rejected, 47¼; feed, 47; track, 55.

Flax—1 nwc., 198; 2 cw., 194; 3 cw., 185; rejected, 165; track, 195.

Rye—2 cw., 64¼.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The following are the bank clearings for the principal cities in the Dominion of Canada for the week ending today, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago:

	1923	1922
Toronto	$120,021,333	$114,738,080
Montreal	100,070,351	100,675,056
Winnipeg	63,746,800	35,033,376
Vancouver	13,151,735	14,133,580
Victoria	3,031,686	2,116,336
Halifax	3,643,733	3,070,317
Moncton	1,033,167	1,330,137
St. John	5,606,683	3,346,431
Quebec	3,047,840	....
Sherbrooke	800,060	737,485
Ottawa	7,773,303	3,205,000
Kingston	750,700	600,637
Peterboro	333,304	531,132
Hamilton	5,200,360	3,773,037
Brantford	1,364,053	1,003,603
London	3,018,726	3,156,730
Kitchener	1,305,315	1,140,643
Windsor	3,306,545	3,334,103
Fort William	1,423,071	1,000,576
Brandon	780,065	846,770
Regina	5,847,714	4,370,784
Saskatoon	....	1,782,333
Moose Jaw	1,537,008	1,493,483
Prince Albert	406,137	303,913
Lethbridge	833,051	705,860
Medicine Hat	423,633	373,675
Calgary	3,741,751	3,344,481
Edmonton	4,000,124	4,634,136
New Westminster	363,760	434,403

NEW YORK COTTON

(By B.A. Bond Corp., Ltd.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	34.30	34.78	34.33	34.54
March	34.33	33.33	34.63	34.82
May	35.10	35.30	34.80	35.08
July	34.35	34.58	34.00	34.30
October	26.45	28.63	26.33	28.37
December	53.30	55.73	30.15	33.60
Spot	.....	.....	.....	53.35

U. S. LIBERTY BONDS

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Liberty 3½'s	99.24@99.56
Liberty 1st 4's	98.04@98.30
Liberty 2nd 4's	98.04@98.10
Liberty 1st 4¼'s	98.05@98.10
Liberty 2nd 4¼'s	98.03@98.06
Liberty 3rd 4¼'s	98.04@99.03
Liberty 4th 4¼'s	98.06@98.00
U. S. 4¼'s	00.15@00.15

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Sterling exchange irregular at $4.33½ for 60-day bills and $4.36¼ for demand.

Bar silver, foreign 64.

Canadian dollars 97⅝.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Butter fair; eggs quiet.

Butter, eggs and potatoes not quoted.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 18c to 15¼c; finest Easterns, 17¼c to 17⅝c.

NEW YORK SUGAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Raw sugar, centrifugal, 6.80; February, 7.41; refined granulated, 8.80 to 6.30.

SILVER MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 48¼.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Bar silver 33 1-13d per ounce.

INDIAN DISCOUNT RATE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of India was raised from six to seven per cent today.

MORE SAGGING PRICES ON CHICAGO MARKET

Further Setback Probable Before Present Bearish Pressure Is Expended

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Prices sagged steadily on all gains today. It was a very uninteresting affair from start to finish. Deliveries of wheat on December contracts were on a moderate scale both here and in Winnipeg. The trade has witnessed so many failures recently in attempting to bull the market in wheat and corn that it would not be surprising to see a substantial setback in prices before the present pressure expends itself. Last quotations were near the day's lows.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	104¼	104½	103¼	103⅝
May	108⅝	108⅝	108⅛	108⅛
July	106⅝	106⅝	106⅛	103¼
Corn—				
Dec.	71⅝	72	71¼	71⅝
May	74	74¼	73½	73¾
July	75	70	74⅝	74⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	42¼	42¼	41⅝	42
May	43⅝	43⅝	45	42¼
July	43½	43½	43	43
Rye—				
Dec.	66⅝	68⅝	63	63
May	74¼	74⅝	74	74

TORONTO MINES

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

	Bid	Asked
Lake Shore	330	..
Teck Hughes	113	114
Beaver Consol	10⅜	50⅛
McIntyre Port	18.10	18.35
Hollinger Con.	11.25	11.33
Newray Mines	53	38½
Temiskeming	..	38⅝
Wasapika Con.	3¼	5
Dome Mines	10.60	..
Preet E. Dome	11⅝	12
Vipond Cons	90	91
Thompson Krist	4	4½
Atlas	6	4½
McKinley Dar. S.	..	12
West Dome Lake	34	34⅝
Mining Corp. Can.	..	200
Moneta	32½	..
Clifton	4⅝	6
Coniagas	..	286
Goldale	43	44
Castle	68	49
Indian Mines	70	74

Curb Broker Retires Worth Two Millions

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Having accumulated a fortune of more than $2,000,000 in Wall Street, John Berg, one of the leading members of the New York Curb Market, today announced his retirement and the gift of his business to three junior members of the firm. Berg started in Wall Street as a four-dollar-a-week office boy. He is now only 42 years old.

Dow Jones' Averages

20 Industrials	93.62	off .03
20 Rails	79.34	off .08

Grain Opinions

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Stein Alstrin—We see little chance of any improvement price change in an upward direction.

Bartlett Frazier—Wheat news continues bearish.

Harris Winthrop—The market seems to me marking time pending developments.

Wheat — Deliveries larger this morning at 290,000 bushels. This may modify the bull view temporarily at least. Cables unchanged to 1-8 higher. No foreign or political news of importance. Two-sided market indicated.—L. and B.

Corn and Oats—Weather unseasonably mild with rain or snow predicted. No big run of corn indicated and with colder weather the Eastern demand would pick up quickly. Buying side of this grain advisable.—L. and B.

Riordan Martin—Favor purchases on declines.

Grain forecast—Grain belt generally cloudy and mild except clear in Southwest. Raining in scattered points of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota and Missouri.

FINANCE FLASHES

Revolutionary headquarters in Vera Cruz announce a retreat of Obregon forces from Apalaco.

Belief that consumption of steel in 1924 will be the largest since the war was expressed in a statement tonight by Horace Wilkinson, chairman of the board of the Crucible Steel Company.

Frank A. Vanderlip, in an interview yesterday, said a loan of $40,000,000 had been placed in London by Argentina.

Bills having to do with income taxes and the bonus will be the only important legislation at this session of Congress, in the opinion of a man who has just returned from Washington.

Stockholders of the Baldwin Locomotive Company have started a friendly move for an increase in the present $7 dividend.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, imports of petroleum at the principal United States ports for the week ended December 15 totalled 1,601,000 barrels, against 2,787,000 barrels the previous week.

American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended December 15 was 1,943,300 barrels, a decrease of 62,850 barrels.

Expectations are held by some that American Canners will declare an extra dividend of $1 tomorrow.

Among the constructive items in the day's news was the declaration of the regular dividend by N.P. and B. & O., a report of lowering in production of crude oil, and the weekly steel review, which pointed out that demands for finished steel were better than anticipated.

The advance in National Lead was accompanied by talk that the war profits of the United States Cartridge Company will be distributed in the form of a stock dividend, or perhaps a capital split up.

Market Opinions

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—During the current reaction, the general list has displayed considerable underlying firmness and while it is not unlikely that further irregularity may be witnessed, still we are of the belief that the next major move in values will be in an upward direction.—L. and B.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A continuance of an irregular trend may be witnessed for a while in the cotton market but to our way of thinking, the fundamental factors in the situation warrant the expectation of higher prices for this commodity. According to latest cable we are due to open 30 up on January, 24 up on March, and 28 up on May.—L. and B.

Chicago Tribune says—The government crop report on Winter wheat acreage and condition for next year's harvest was taken as moderately bearish. An acreage of 40,191,000 unless materially reduced by Winter killing and other causes would make a good sized crop which would not help the wheat farmers out to any extent, unless there is serious damage abroad and a big advance in prices.

There are a good many traders who would buy wheat on any thing encouraging while at the same time they consider the reduction in prices 17 to 24 cents under last year as discounting about all bearish condition.

Dow Jones' Summary

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bank of England rate unchanged.

Jones Tea directors met at 3 o'clock.

Otis Elevator directors met at 11 o'clock.

United Verde Extension declares regular quarterly dividend of $1.

New York Air Brake in eleven months ended November, netted after substracting all charges except federal taxes, $2,749,155 or $9.16 a share on class "A" and common. Regular quarterly dividend of $1 on common and class "A" declared.

Cities Service November surplus after charges were $925,624, against $923,336 in November, 1922.

SEES REVIVAL IN BRITISH TRADE

SIGNS OF EXPANSION MANIFEST IN ALL LINES

Northern Industrial Districts Impress Investigator With Hopeful Signs for Forthcoming Year

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special correspondent of the Canadian Press in the industrial northern district wires that there are undoubted signs of trade expansion and great hopes are entertained that 1924 will witness an all-round revival.

Even in the cotton trade, where the depression has been the blackest, firms are looking more hopeful.

The steel trade is ready to hum, the northeast coast works especially beginning to do well on home orders already. Contracts have been placed in Sheffield to the amount of over £250,000, mainly for tramway metals. The Clyde and South Wales districts also have secured a good slice of rail orders.

Shipbuilding Prospects

Shipbuilding is possibly the most depressed industry of all in the United Kingdom at present, but orders for new vessels have been placed in the Clyde shipyards, and the Vickers Company has received orders in connection with reconditioning of Greek vessels.

The Yorkshire textile trade anticipates a steady inflow of orders, though they be only sufficient to provide bread and butter for the workers.

Several cotton mill extensions are contemplated around Manchester, one near Bolton making an addition of 125,000 spindles, and others adding 100,000 more.

Less than 200 silk workers of six thousand usually employed at Leek, Staffordshire, are at present out of work.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

TRAIL SMELTER WILL CUT PRICE OF ORE TREATMENT

Ontario Province Is Climbing as One of World's Chief Gold Producers

MONTREAL—In Canada there is about $1,250,000,000 of real property that is exempt from municipal taxation. This is just over one-fifth of the estimated actual value of the land and buildings in Canadian municipalities.

Iron and Steel

The belief that more active business conditions are assured in the iron and steel trade is gaining ground and buyers in most directions are coming forward more freely, says Canadian Machinery. Before the recent advance in the price of pig iron, the majority of large smelters broke their reserve of the last several months and covered for the present month, and many for the first quarter of 1924. The past week has seen but moderate commitments in iron, at the prices established a week ago, No. 1 at Montreal, $30.95, and at Toronto, $29.15.

Sugar Beets in Alberta

RAYMOND—The test of sugar beet growing in the southern part of the province proved beyond a doubt that there is good money to be made in that line. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, which has been making tests of beets grown here, state that if sufficient acreage can be secured that a large sugar beet factory will be established near Raymond in the next year or so.

Smelter Cuts Charges

NELSON, B.C.—Starting January 1, $1 a ton cut in treatment charges for lead ores at the Trail Smelter will be in effect. T. W. Bingay, comptroller of the Consolidated, says there will be a 50 cent cut on the base rate and five cents a unit reduction in zinc. Refining charges for the pooled lead drop from $15 to $14 a ton.

The Land Miner

The elimination of the "land miner" in the West is cited by a prominent banker as one of the brightest signs of the times. The man who mines his land instead of farming it is being replaced by the real farmer.

Ontario's Gold Production

In 1915 Ontario produced $8,400,000 in gold or 1.8 per cent of the world's output. Last year the total of $21,500,000 was 7.2 per cent of the world's total. It has been estimated that the 1923 figures will show an even greater percentage.

Seventeen Banks Closed

The Canadian chartered banks report a net loss of seventeen branches during the month of November. The banks opened only four new branches and closed twenty-one.

UNION BANK FIGURES FOR YEAR PUBLISHED

Profits for Twelve Months Over One Million Dollars—Annual Meeting Called for January 16

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Today are made public here the figures of the fifty-ninth annual statement of the Union Bank of Canada, covering the operations of the bank year ended November 30, 1923.

After deducting expenses and making provision for all bad and doubtful debts, the net profits for the year amount to $1,033,432.15, making a total of $1,184,697.01, which includes $151,464.82 brought forward. This has been applied in the payment of quarterly dividends amounting to $720,000, a contribution of $10,000 to the officers' pension fund, Dominion Government taxes $137,622.28, leaving $317,074.73 to be carried forward to next year.

The balance sheet shows total assets of $128,399,697.36, with the reserve and undivided profits standing at $2,067,074.73. Specie and Dominion notes on hand show a percentage of 6.63 to liabilities to the public, while the percentage of quick assets is at 49.58.

The annual meeting of the bank will be held at its head office in Winnipeg on January 15.

STEEL CONTINUES TO LEAD MARKET

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (Evening Post Service).—The move in Atlantic Gulf and West Indies was said to be based on special development, probably information that the Washington authorities were showing a disposition to take a more lenient view of the Government's claim against the company than had heretofore been hoped for. The advance in Marine preferred followed the rate advances announcement by the North Atlantic conference yesterday. This announcement was regarded as a constructive development in certain circles, and some commission houses were advising purchase of Marine preferred, on the strength of it. In other quarters there was less enthusiasm on the subject, and an inclination to question the possibility of enforcing an advance in North Atlantic rates in the face of a world-wide surplus of ocean tonnage.

Steel Group Strong

The steel group was conspicuously strong during the recovery in prices this morning, steel common, leader of the group, getting up over a point, and even Bethlehem, the laggard, gaining nearly as much. With only the last quarter to be heard from, many followers of speculative matter are busy figuring up the year's earnings of the various steel concerns. Nothing sensational is expected from the final three months of the year, but even allowing for only moderate profits during that time, results for the twelve months will be satisfactory in the case of most companies.

There were rumors around the Street this morning that the two leading locomotive issues were headed for much higher prices in the near future, and both made substantial gains during the forenoon.

The large earnings of both companies have been very satisfactory, and very little was said about the rather alarming falling off in forward business, which has come to both.

Smaller Oil Output

Decline in crude oil production is below two million barrels a day, said to be largely the result of the decrease in output of the Powell fields in Texas. Large operators in that territory, it is said, failed to provide pumps soon enough for their producing wells. It is expected that many of these wells will be put on the pumps within a month, when an increase in Powell production may be expected.

NEARLY ONE MILLION DAYS' WORK LOST

Strikes and Lockouts in Western Coal Mines Caused Much Idle Time

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Strikes and lockouts throughout Canada during 1922 caused the loss of 1,975,276 working days, as against a loss of 956,461 days in 1921, according to official figures issued today. Approximately half of this time loss was in connection with the strike of coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia, which lasted from April to the end of August. There were eighty-five strikes and lockouts recorded last year by the Department of Labor, involving 41,050 employees, as against 145 in 1921, involving 22,930 employees.

Last year's strike in British Columbia and Alberta coal mines caused a loss of 931,960 days, while the strike of nearly 15,000 miners in Nova Scotia last August meant a time loss of 250,000 days. Of the eighty-five disputes last year, fifty-eight involved wages.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN INDUSTRY IS GROWING

Past Year Sees Improvement in the Unlisted Bonds and Reverse in Stocks

A. J. Pattison, Jr., and Company, members of Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges, in reviewing the year now drawing to a close, say: "Many changes take place in the space of twelve months, far more than the average person would believe or have any idea of, and it falls to the lot of those keeping continuous records to furnish investors far and wide with, if possible, an interesting summary of what has happened."

When we go through the list of unlisted bonds we find, with few exceptions, a general improvement has taken place, and considering the heavy government and municipal financing that has been looked after, we have ample proof of the all-important fact that Canadians are taking an ever-increasing interest in the development of important industries in Canada by the purchase of high-grade industrial and public utility bonds of proven merit. Many of these bonds are first mortgages on property and industries worth much more than the amount of bonds issued and with annual earnings of from three to five times the amount required for bond interest.

The market for unlisted stocks has unfortunately, not fared so well. Going through the list from A to Z we find almost without exception that the preferred stocks sold with a bonus and common have declined in some cases more than fifty points. Quotations are generally, in both preferred and common shares, much lower than they were then. We have, on close examination and inquiry, come to the conclusion that many stocks are now selling far below what they are worth, and that the next twelve months will witness a readjustment of values.

Awarded $8,000 In B.C. Electric Case

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—Mr. Justice Morrison has awarded Miss Laura Jane Hourston $8,000 damages against the B.C. Electric Railway Company, and further rules she is entitled to recover any expenses incurred by reason of the injuries she suffered in the Venables Street accident last Spring.

WONDERFUL PROGRESS IN CURING LEPROSY

Prince of Wales Patron of Relief Society to Prosecute Benevolent Work in the Empire

LONDON, Dec. 20.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has become patron of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, which holds its inaugural meeting in January. An influential body of vice-presidents of the association includes the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Devonshire, and the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Byng.

Viscount Chelmsford, in a circular sent out by the organization, says leprosy can be stamped out in the greater part of the Empire, probably within three decades. Hundreds are recovering from the disease under curative treatment.

Sir Leonard Rogers, who has a distinguished record in the Indian medical service, and is physician and lecturer in the London School of Tropical Medicine, has drawn up the memorandum of the association's medical policy.

New Australian States

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 20.—The New South Wales Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution in favor of the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the proposed creation of new states.

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Marine and Transportation

VANCOUVER WILL PLAY LONE HAND

Terminal City Shipping Men Secede From Employers' Association After American Colleagues Grant Wage Increase of Twelve and Half Per Cent, Demanded by Vancouver Strikers, to Stevedores in Portland, Seattle and Gray's Harbor

COINCIDENTALLY with the news that the Northwest Waterfront Employers' Association in the United States has granted an increase of 12½ per cent in the wages paid to longshoremen and truckers employed on the wharves in Portland, Seattle and Gray's Harbor, information that the Vancouver branch has seceded from the association was received here yesterday.

It was not to be ascertained locally last night what, precisely, had caused the secession of the Vancouver unit, but opinion along the waterfront yesterday inclined to the belief that the Terminal City employers resented the action of the American portion of the association in granting an increase when operations in the two major British Columbia ports are proceeding under the handicap of strike or the aftermath of strike conditions.

Is Embarrassing

The feeling here was that the American action embarrasses the Vancouver employers at the very moment when success is conceded to have met their opposition to the stevedores' strike for a similar increase in wages there.

Mr. Arthur Piggott, of the Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring Company, stated yesterday that as yet the local employers have not been officially apprised of the Vancouver decision.

Whether the Victoria employers would follow the lead of their colleagues in Vancouver and likewise break away from the association was a matter of speculation here yesterday.

Ninety Cents an Hour

The recent increase granted the stevedores in the American ports brings their wage level up to that prevailing in San Francisco where, for the last month, the waterfront employers have been paying 90 cents an hour.

According to Mr. J. D. McNiven, Deputy Minister of Labor, members of the Independent Longshoremen's Association are returning to work in Vancouver on complying with the condition that they register at the Government employment offices. It is understood that about fifty per cent of the membership of the I.L.A. are doing so.

When all applicants from the new association formed by the strikebreakers have been provided with jobs, I.L.A. men are added to the gangs, said Mr. Piggott last night.

The position here is somewhat anomalous. The secretary of the longshoremen's union stated that a committee from the Trades and Labor Council is co-operating with the union in the prosecution of its strike. But the waterfront employers stated that, as far as they were concerned, no strike exists.

EXEMPT CERTAIN SHIPS FROM TAX

Fuel Oil Used by Ships Plying Between Canadian and Foreign Ports to Be Exempt

By an amendment introduced in the Legislature by the Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, and approved, ships plying between Canadian and foreign ports will be exempted from paying the fuel oil tax of one-half cent per gallon.

An effort by Mr. H. G. Perry to obtain a similar exemption for municipalities using oil in their light and power plants was defeated on a vote of 20 to 17 after a warm debate.

Hon. Mr. Hart, Minister of Finance, explained in reference to vessels, that there was a doubtful power to collect, and even if it existed, the tax would only drive boats to foreign ports to buy their oil.

Messrs. Perry and Duncan argued vigorously that small municipalities could not afford to pay the tax, while the amount that would be waived would not hurt the Government revenue.

Hon. Mr. Hart declined to accept the amendment on the ground that additional exemptions would increase the cost of collection.

Local Opinion

Local officials of steamship companies declined yesterday to pass opinion on the Legislature's action, though Mr. J. H. Taylor, assistant manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Coast Service, committed himself to the extent of remarking that the exemption would result in a big saving to his company. He was unable to prophecy how the Government officials will determine how much of the oil in the tanks of vessels on the triangular run is burned between Victoria and Vancouver and how much between the latter port and Seattle.

Ships plying between two Canadian ports are not exempted from payment of the tax, it is understood.

SEAL RECOVERS BABY AFTER 80 MILE PURSUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—A sea captain captured a young seal, hoping to tame and rear it on board his ship. He placed it in a sack to secure it, but wide as the ocean was, and swiftly as the ship sped on, the mother was as swift, and followed in search of her young. When it was first caught, the mother howled piteously, and the "baby" barked back its grief, but the captain was relentless, and coolly watched the agonized mother follow him till the ship reached the harbor here.

Here he thought the prize was safe, for surely no seal would venture to the wharf where the ship was docked. Suddenly the mother gave a cry close to the ship, and the little one, as if obeying instructions, struggled, still in the sack, to the edge of the deck, and rolled itself overboard. The mother was seen to seize the sack, rip it open with sharp teeth, and joyfully claim her baby. She had swum after it eighty miles.

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COUNTRY HAS SAILORS BUT NO WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 20.—London Truth calls attention to what it says is an anomaly—the Canadian Navy possessing a personnel without ships.

Truth points out that the Dominion navy now has 36 lieutenants on the active strength and says that unless these were appointed to the Royal Navy they would be rather like the American colonels whom Dickens described as commanding one another.

"One cannot quite get rid of the feeling," says Truth, "that these lieutenants are enjoying imperial preference at the expense of young British officers who are compulsorily retired as a 'surplus to requirements.'"

SENATORS OBJECT TO BRITISH SHIP

AMERICAN LAWYERS IGNORE LEVIATHAN

Intention to Use British Vessel Is Denounced by Senator Jones as Unpatriotic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—There was a concerted attack from several official quarters today on a decision of officers of the American Bar Association to use a British instead of an American ship for a voyage of several hundred members of the association to a London meeting next Summer.

E. C. Plummer, a member of the Shipping Board, asserted the decision was unfair and unpatriotic and Chairman Jones, of the Senate Commerce Committee, joined with several other Senators in asking for an investigation.

Mr. Plummer declared the decision would divert to British owners a large fee which should belong to the Shipping Board. He said the board had offered the use of its best ships to the Bar Association, including the Leviathan and the George Washington, and had guaranteed to meet any terms quoted by foreign lines.

TO DESTROY LIQUOR FROM BRITISH SHIPS

British Government Regrets American Intention to Destroy Wines Seized on Vessels

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Regret was expressed in governmental quarters today over the report that Federal authorities in New York intend to start libel proceedings for the condemnation and destruction of large quantities of liquors and wines seized during the Summer from the steamers Mauretania and Saxonia and other passenger vessels, after the Supreme Court has rendered its decision declaring that the bringing of alcoholic beverages into American ports, even under seal, was illegal.

As the dispatches received here from the United States indicate that action by the Federal authorities had been held in abeyance pending the outcome of the search-at-sea regulations, under discussion by the American and British governments, it was made clear today by British officials that no hitch had occurred in the exchange of views between London and Washington; and that early completion of the proposed treaty according the American government right to search might be looked for.

These officials explained that the delay in completing the treaty was due to a desire of the two governments to make the document as perfect legally as possible and one which would stand any test it might undergo, whether in Congress, before the Supreme Court or elsewhere.

BIG PASSENGER LIST ON RUTH ALEXANDER

The Admiral Line vessel Ruth Alexander sailed for California ports at 9 o'clock last night with a large passenger list from Victoria. According to the local office of the Pacific Steamship Company, traffic to the South is exceptionally heavy for this time of year. Many people from the prairies are passing through Victoria on their way to California.

The following passengers embarked on the Ruth Alexander here last night: For San Francisco—Messrs. J. Donaldson, J. P. Bishop, W. G. Baird, L. Pike, Miss Margaret Pike, Miss Lily Thompson, Colonel and Mrs. Lorne Drum and son Ian, Mrs. M. Warburton and four children, Mrs. A. T. Dix, Mrs. W. Merzell and son, Mrs. C. T. De Long, Mrs. E. H. Hitchin, Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Miss W. Van Sickle, Dr. J. H. J. Stewart, Messrs. A. Deens, W. R. Bush, S. P. Caville, J. P. Downing, G. W. Fowler, R. Walker, Miss Maple Winterburn, Mrs. A. Bond and Miss Alice Bond, Mrs. A. Duck, Mrs. E. Fostevan, Mrs. E. Wadstein, Mrs. Jeannette Buchanan and three children. For Los Angeles—Mrs. A. M. Latimer, Miss S. Munn, Miss B. McDonald, Mrs. Florence Fox, Miss Helen Fox, Mrs. H. E. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Deyell, Miss Martha Schweer, Messrs. J. T. Johnston, A. Dashwood, J. S. Jamison, A. Sprague, T. E. Hewitt, T. W. McKee, Frank McKee, E. A. Salisbury, T. E. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Mosier and Miss B. Mosier.

WINE-LADEN SHIP IS BADLY DAMAGED

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—The French steamer L'Aurock, 458 tons, put into Halifax last night for repairs after battling with heavy seas and violent storms since leaving North Sydney on November 29. She was in a crippled condition, covered with ice, dismasted and her stern badly damaged. It is estimated that the damage will amount to approximately $24,000. The steamer has on board a cargo of 3,500 cases of champagne, wines and brandies, loaded at Havre, France, and is bound for Bassau.

SMUGGLE MEN AS WELL AS WHISKY

Immigrants Added to Liquor in Smuggling Operations From Canada to United States—Stranded in This Country When American Immigration Quotas Reached, Aliens Pay as High as Forty Dollars to Be Spirited Into Land of Golden Dreams

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Dec. 20.—Twenty to forty dollars per head is the fare smugglers along the Niagara frontier collect from aliens seeking illegal entrance into the United States.

Business was said to be brisk. Hundreds of aliens, stranded in Canada with the filling of the American immigration quotas, are willing to pay in advance for passage. The transaction is equally profitable for the smuggler, regardless of his success or failure in penetrating the customs line. He gives no refund when his charges are caught.

At Youngstown, on the lower river, where the smugglers' hazards are increased by the proximity of Fort Niagara and the coastguard station, the quoted price, on good authority, is $40; at Lewiston, further up the river, it drops to $20.

Passage over the international bridge at Niagara Falls is sold at an average of twenty-five dollars. Immigration authorities cite instances in which aliens have paid that sum in advance, only to be turned back or taken into custody.

Fire Envelops Schooner After Big Explosion

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 20.—A three-masted schooner, low on the horizon, early tonight was enveloped in flames, following a terrific explosion. Coast guards, the Federal dredge Absecom, and speed boats put out to the rescue of the crew.

ACCEPT CHALLENGE FOR YACHT RACES

Americans to Race British Over Oyster Bay Course in September for British-American Cup

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Board of Trustees of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club has accepted the challenge for team races in the six-metre class recently received from the four British yacht clubs, and an international match on this side of the Atlantic for the British-American Cup next August or September is assured. The British clubs represented are the Royal Yacht Squadron, Royal Thames Yacht Club, Royal Victoria Yacht Club and the Royal London Yacht Club.

Three series of races have been sailed since the trophy was offered for competition. In 1921 the British team won on British waters. In 1922 the United States team won the races sailed off Oyster Bay, Long Island Sound. This year the British won again in British waters. The dates for the next series are expected to be arranged between September 1 and September 15, and the series will be sailed off Oyster Bay.

MAY LOWER LEVEL OF GREAT LAKES

Construction of Waterway From Lockport, Ill., to LaSalle, Endangers Level of Waters

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Further danger to the levels of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River, already seriously affected by the excessive diversion of water through the Chicago Drainage Canal, is threatened by the beginning of construction work on the last link of the waterway designed to connect the present end of the canal at Lockport, Ill., with La Salle, the head of navigation on the Illinois River.

Completion of this work, which will permit of navigation from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, is likely to necessitate a still greater diversion of water from Lake Michigan, thereby further reducing the level of the St. Lawrence River, and further endangering navigation at Montreal and below.

This was the opinion expressed last night by M. P. Fennel, general manager of the port of Montreal, on his return to the city from New Orleans, where he attended the annual convention of port authorities.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

WEATHER REPORTS

Estevan—Clear; east; 30.11; 42; moderate sea.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; fresh, southeast; 28.19; 28; moderate sea.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 30.28; 29; smooth.

Ocean Falls—Clear; calm; 20.82; 41; smooth.

Coal Harbor—Cloudy; southeast, light; 28.98; 38; heavy swell.

Prince Rupert—Rain; southeast gale; 29.86; 39; rough. Prince George, 3:30 p.m., Nass River, southbound. Princess Mary, due Prince Rupert 9:30 p.m., southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; southeast, fresh; 29.58; 40; rough.

Pachena—Overcast; southeast, light; temp. 44; light swell.

Cape Beale—Cloudy; northeast, light; 28.95; moderate swell.

Carmanah—Cloudy; east; 30.12; 42; calm.

SHIP RADIO POSITIONS

(By Canadian Government Wireless)
Positions at 8 P.M., Dec. 20

CANADIAN ROVER, San Francisco for Vancouver, 15 miles south of Flattery.

J. A. MOFFET, Port Wells for Richmond, 375 from Richmond.

ADMIRAL FISKE, Portland for San Francisco, 309 miles from San Francisco.

FRED BAXTER, Blaine for San Pedro, 978 miles from Blaine.

DONNA LANE, San Pedro for Tacoma, 878 from San Pedro.

KALFARLI, Gray's Harbor for Tacoma, off Flattery.

NAKAWLI, Astoria for Mukilteo, 89 from Astoria.

SHIDZUOKA MARU, for Victoria, 300 miles from Victoria.

CITY OF MANILA, San Pedro for Yokohama, 1,596 miles from San Pedro.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY, Seattle for San Francisco, 182 miles from San Francisco.

ATLAS, Richmond for Aberdeen, 388 from Aberdeen.

BANKOKU MARU, for Port Townsend, 300 miles from Port Townsend.

E. D. KINGSLEY, San Francisco for Barclay Sound, 100 from Barclay Sound.

LAKE CAYUGA, Tacoma for San Pedro, 472 miles north of San Pedro.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Warwick, San Pedro; Atlantic, San Francisco; El Segundo, El Segundo; Maashi, Bellingham. Sailed: Stockton, Port San Luis; George Alice, Gray's Harbor; Julia Luckenbach, Ruth Alexander, Scottish American, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Tamaha, Kobe; Coaba, Aberdeen; Cordelia, Kobe; Captain A. F. Lucas, Portland; London Merchant, Astoria; Rose City, Portland; West Greylock, New York. Sailed: Gray's Harbor, Aberdeen.

TACOMA, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Edmore, Kobe; Mongolian Prince, Shanghai; Del Rosa, San Antonio; La Purisima, California; Hambleton Range, Barry; Anyox, Nome City, F. S. Loop, Manukai, San Francisco. Sailed: Chilliwack, B.C. ports; Nome City, Vancouver; F. S. Loop, San Francisco.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Motorship Seekonk, Admiral Schley, San Francisco. Sailed: Kentuckian, Mojave, San Francisco; Iwatesan Maru, Puget Sound.

Arrived

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 14.—Helligiav, New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Kungsholm, Gothenburg; Vulcano, Naples; Vincent, Havre; Angela, Naples; President Roosevelt, Bremen.

KOBE, Dec. 17.—Katsura Maru, Tacoma.

SYDNEY, Dec. 18.—Telken, San Francisco.

TSIN LAU, Dec. 9.—Ervikin, San Pedro.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.—West Chopaka, San Francisco.

HAVRE, Dec. 17.—Kosmo, San Francisco.

Sailed

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cleveland, Hamburg; Bimsport, Rotterdam; Clan Macivar, Capetown; Perseus, Kobe; Hororata, Sydney, N.S.W.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Salatiga, San Francisco.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—F. J. Luckenbach, Seattle.

HAMBURG, Dec. 19.—Orca, New York. Dec. 20.—Tyrrhenia, New York.

TIDES AT VICTORIA
DECEMBER

Day	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.
1	2:01	3.0	10:00	8.5				
2	2:41	4.2	10:39	9.2	17:10	6.9	20:15	9.2
3	3:22	5.2	11:12	9.2	16:39	4.2	23:00	9.2
4	4:03	6.7	11:10	9.2	16:29	3.4		
5	1:22	9.0	9:30	9.0	11:10	0.0	19:22	2.4
6	3:43	7.9	9:38	9.2	12:17	9.0	20:04	1.0
7	4:06	7.7	7:01	7.4	13:40	9.0	20:44	0.9
8	5:34	8.1	8:30	7.7	13:20	9.0	21:30	0.7
9	5:09	8.4	9:29	2.0	13:56	0.7	22:13	0.7
10	7:35	9.9	10:37	9.1	14:27	9.3	22:57	1.1
11	8:06	9.7	11:20	9.1	14:49	9.9	23:42	1.7
12	4:46	9.5	13:06	7.9	15:04	9.0		
13	0:27	2.5	0:00	9.9				
14	1:13	3.4	0:24	9.0				
15	1:59	4.3	0:46	9.1	13:20	6.7	21:26	9.3
16	2:44	5.2	10:10	9.1	13:23	6.0		
17					10:40	8.3	19:51	4.3
18					11:17	8.3	19:14	3.9
19					11:47	0.1	19:39	3.3
20					10:15	0.3	20:06	2.7
21					12:39	0.3	20:37	2.3
22					12:40	9.3	21:01	1.2
23					13:48	9.3	21:32	1.7
24					13:09	0.2	22:06	1.7
25	5:22	8.4	10:29	8.2	13:27	0.0	22:43	1.8
26	3:40	2.4	11:24	8.2	14:09	2.7	23:23	2.1
27	9:10	2.4	12:26	7.9	14:07	8.2		
28	8:02	2.7	8:10	2.0	13:29	7.4	19:54	7.8
29	8:49	8.2	8:30	2.0	14:32	9.7	17:00	8.9
30	1:53	4.1	8:02	8.8	12:02	0.7	00:59	9.2
31	2:01	4.2	0:20	2.1	10:21	4.8	22:33	9.2

The Time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The Height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower Low Water.

Esquimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the drydock at any tide, add 18.2 feet to the height of High Water as above given.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET
DECEMBER, 1923.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1923.

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Day	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:19
2	7:48	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:01	4:19
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:49	4:20	21	8:03	4:20
6	7:58	4:20	22	8:03	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:03	4:21
8	7:53	4:19	24	8:04	4:22
9	7:53	4:19	25	8:04	4:23
10	7:03	4:19	26	8:05	4:23
11	7:55	4:19	27	8:05	4:24
12	7:56	4:19	28	8:05	4:26
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:06	4:26
14	7:09	4:12	30	8:06	4:27
15	7:09	4:18	31	8:06	4:28
16	7:22	4:19			

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B.C.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS
DECEMBER
China and Japan

President Grant—Mails close Dec. 4, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Dec. 18, Shanghai Dec. 21, Hong Kong Dec. 25.

President Madison—Mails close Dec. 14, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Dec. 29, Shanghai Jan. 2, Hong Kong Jan. 5.

Africa Maru—Mails close Dec. 23, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 7.

Empress of Russia—Mails close Dec. 27, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe, Jan. 8, Shanghai Jan. 12, Hong Kong Jan. 16.

President McKinley—Mails close Dec. 29, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 9, Shanghai Jan. 14, Hong Kong Jan. 19.

Protesilaus—Mails close Jan. 2, 9 a.m.

Shipping Calendar

To Arrive

Shidzuoka Maru, from Yokohama, Dec. 21.
Anthor, from Liverpool, Dec. 25.
R.M.S. Makura, from Sydney, Dec. 29.
Tokiwa Maru, from Yokohama, Dec. 31.
President Jackson, from Yokohama, Dec. 31.
Empress of Australia, from Yokohama, Jan. 3.
Achilles, from Yokohama, Jan. 9.
Colonial, from Liverpool, Jan. 20.
Arabia Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 16.
Spectator, from Liverpool, Jan. 30.
Niagara, from Sydney, Feb. 2.

To Sail

Hawaii Maru, Dec. 22.
Kago Maru, for Japan, Dec. 27.
Hakata Maru, for Orient, Dec. 29.
Hambleton Range, for Japan, Dec. 30.
Empress of Russia, for Yokohama, Dec. 27.
President McKinley, for Orient, Dec. 29.
Shidzuoka Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 8.
Alabama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 9.
Empress of Australia, for Yokohama, Jan. 10.
Anthor, for Liverpool, Jan. 19.
Yokohama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 22.

TO BUILD SHIP

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Vickers Company have obtained a contract for the construction of a 250-foot, steel screw steamer for Steamships, Limited, of Montreal, for service on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence.

CANAL RECORD

PANAMA, Dec. 20.—During the first fortnight in December 245 vessels passed through the Panama Canal, setting a new record for this period. The tolls amounted to $1,140,319.

Fatal Motor Accident

NELSON, Dec. 20.—The wife of Lieut.-Commander J. C. Towles was killed yesterday afternoon by the overturning of an automobile driven by her husband at Invermere in East Kootenay.

C.G.M.M. VESSELS

Canadian Britisher arrived Calcutta December 6.

Canadian Freighter left Vancouver for Yokohama and Shanghai November 24.

Canadian Highlander left Kobe for Vancouver December 11.

Canadian Importer arrived Vancouver December 13.

Canadian Inventor left Brisbane for New York December 15.

Canadian Prospector left Colon for Norfolk December 17.

Canadian Seigneur left Sydney for Vancouver December 12.

Canadian Scottish arrived Vancouver December 19.

Canadian Skirmisher arrived Vancouver November 28.

Canadian Transporter arrived Yokohama December 2.

Canadian Trooper left Panama for Vancouver December 10.

Canadian Traveler arrived Sydney December 15.

Canadian Winner left Norfolk for United Kingdom December 10.

Canadian Farmer left Astoria for San Pedro, December 17.

Canadian Observer arrived Ocean Falls December 18.

Canadian Rover left San Francisco for Vancouver December 17.

Canadian Volunteer left San Francisco for Vancouver December 16.

RECEIVES GIFT

Captain Basil Combe, whom ill-health recently compelled to retire from command of the cableship Restorer, was presented with a handsome silver tea service by his former shipmates last Tuesday.

OTTAWA GOVERNMENT IN MINORITY WHEN OPPOSITION UNITES

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Progressives, 62; Conservatives, 52; Labor, 2; Independents, 3; total opposition, 119; government, 115; total membership, 234.

Adding the Speaker, who is a Liberal, but has only a casting vote, this comprises a total House membership of 235. It has to be borne in mind, however, that on no occasion have all parties to the left of the Speaker voted against the government as a solid opposition. The government always has received sufficient support, generally from the Progressives, to carry its measures, although the budget last session was adopted by the very narrow margin of only eight.

Seek Working Agreement

Latterly there have been rumors of Liberal efforts to secure something like a permanent working agreement with a section at any rate of the Progressives. So far as the Progressive party as a whole is concerned, Mr. Forke has indicated that the measure of Progressive support to be extended to the government in the coming session will depend on "the attitude the government will take with regard to our policy." But Kent will no doubt give impetus to any Liberal efforts for closer relations with the Progressives.

Among Liberals tonight the Kent result is admitted to be a severe blow to the government. It involves—such is one view expressed—that if parliament dissolves next year, the government must be in a position to carry a number of Progressive seats in Ontario and the Prairies even to maintain its present position in the House.

Conservatives, as this is their second federal victory within a few weeks, are elated at their success. On all hands there are expressions of some lively battling during the coming session.

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A Special Christmas Offering

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Women's and Misses' Coats, made of a superior grade blanket cloth, designed in the popular long straight lines, with side or front fastening. They are trimmed with braiding, embroidery, colored stitching, and a convertible beaverine collar. Shades are grey or brown, and the coats are fully lined. A real bargain at **$16.75**

Coats made of blanket finish velour or frieze, designed with an inverted pleat at back, convertible collar and very neat pocket and belt, and sleeves are finished with strap and buckle; the shades are brown, green and blue. Each coat is shoulder lined. Extraordinary value at **$21.95**

Coats made of a high-grade velour cloth, designed with raglan sleeves and trimmed with pin tucks and cable stitching. Each coat finished with a large roll beaverine collar; the sleeves have turn-back cuffs, the belt straight; shades fawn and taupe. Remarkable value at **$27.50**

—Mantle Department, 1st Floor

Girls' Colored Underskirts Special, 89c

Colored Sateen Underskirts; shades green, saxe, navy; suitable for the ages of 12 to 14 years. Exceedingly big value, each ..... **89¢**

—Children's, 1st Floor

Children's Wool Tams $1.00 and $1.25

English Wool Tams, green, white, navy and saxe shades. Very dainty, and for the ages of 8 to 14 years, **$1.00** and **$1.25**

—Children's, 1st Floor

A Large Selection of Dainty Christmas Blouses $7.50 to $15.00

In the wonderful selection of Blouses assembled for choice Christmas gifts are models in crepe de Chine, Georgette, Vellavella and crepe knit. The styles are decidedly handsome over-blouse or tuck-in models, trimmed with beads, embroidery or Paisley effects. There are also several handsome jacquettes in new pleated models. Many shades to select from. Sizes 36 to 44 ..... **$7.50** to **$15.00**

—Blouses, 1st Floor

Heavy Satin Petticoats Special Value $4.90

Petticoats, made of heavy satin, in a variety of colors. They are finished with tucked and pleated flounces, and are special value at **$4.90**

—Whitewear, 1st Floor

Women's and Children's Gift Hosiery

Women's Broad Rib All-Wool Heather Hose, British made. They are elastic knit, reinforced heels and toes; assorted heather mixtures. Pair **$1.75**

Women's Heather Mixture Deep Garter Welt Hose, reinforced seamless feet and full fashioned, for **$1.25**

Silk and Wool Clocked Hose, ribbed effect, neat fitting hosiery in beige grey, camel and brown, for **$2.50**

Silk and Wool Hose, with hemmed garter top. Excellent grade chestnut, brown, silver and grebe. A pair ..... **95¢**

Women's Pure Silk Novelty Hose, with double hemmed tops and reinforced feet for **$5.50**

Fancy Italian Silk Hose, in striped effects; double heels, soles and toes. Per pair **$4.50**

Women's Silk Hose, non-ladder fabric tops and feet. English make. Pair **$3.75**

Silk Hose, with satin stripe lisle hemmed tops and reinforced feet. Black, cordovan and white. Per pair **$3.00**

Heavy Pure Silk Hosiery, with ribbon back; extra long leg and stretchy lisle tops. Reinforced feet. At, a pair **$2.25**

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, with deep elastic fitting ribbed lisle tops, reinforced heels and toes and double soles. Seamless throughout. All the wanted shades for **$2.00**

Children's Three-Quarter Length Silk and Wool Hose, plain knit, with fancy ribbed tops and double spliced heels and toes. Black, cadet, sand and white, for ..... **98¢**

Children's Three-Quarter Length 1-and-1 Rib Hose, all wool; green, lovat and camel heather mixtures, with turn-down tops and reinforced heels and toes for ..... **89¢**

—Hosiery, Main Floor

Girls' Flannel Middies, for 6 to 14 Years, $2.98

Girls' Navy Flannel Middies, regulation styles, with turn-up collar. They have three rows of braid, yellow, white or red, and are finished with lacing in front, of same shades. Special value, each **$2.98**

—Children's, 1st Floor

Finest Gloves For a Woman's Gift

New Styles Big Values

French Kid and Suede Gauntlet Gloves, made of soft, pliable skins; perfect fitting gloves, dressy and smart in appearance, and shown in all wanted shades. A pair **$4.50**

Cape Skin Gauntlet Gloves with one dome strap and gusset of contrasting color. Shown in shades of brown, grey and beaver. A pair **$3.75**

Non-Rip Driving Gauntlets of excellent quality and weight. They are finished with strap wrist fastener, and in brown shade only. A pair **$3.50**

Mocha Suede Gauntlet Gloves, of soft, pliable skin, and shown in grey and beaver with contrasting gusset and welt. A pair **$3.50**

Novelty Cape Skin Gloves, made with turn-back cuffs of suede effect in contrasting color. They have silk embroidered backs and are in shades of brown, grey and beaver **$3.95**

Novelty Cape Skin Gloves, smart in appearance, with fancy silk sketch back and turn-back cuffs in black and white effect. The shades are brown, grey and beaver. A pair **$3.95**

Cape Skin Gauntlet Gloves of exceptional quality, and with newest flare reversible cuffs, with strap encircling wrist, trimmed with pearl buckles. Colors brown, grey and beaver. Pair **$4.75**

—Gloves, Main Floor

Silk Dressing Gowns Reg. $15 for $10

Dressing Gowns of heavy crepe de Chine, trimmed with French lace; shades, maize, pink and blue. Very special value at **$10.00**

—Whitewear, 1st Floor

Gifts for Baby

Brushed Wool Teddy Bear Sets, grey and cardinal—sweater, pull-overs, cap and mitts. Special, **$3.75**.

Infants' Pull-Over Sweaters of fine grade, plain white, trimmed with blue **$2.00**

Hand-Made Coatees, trimmed with silk crochet edgings and trimmed with ribbons, **$1.00, $1.25, $1.50**

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—Infants', 1st Floor

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—Main Floor

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Children's Coats, made from excellent grade fawn and brown material, with or without fur trimming, and finished with belt and pocket. Sizes for the ages of 3 to 6 years. Priced to sell at **$4.50** to **$7.50**

Handsome Coats of Blanket Cloth Velour, well made, and finished with belt and pockets. They are lined throughout and trimmed with fur collars. The shades are brown, grey and navy, and the sizes for the ages of 10 to 14 years. Big values at **$10.95**

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—Children's, 1st Floor

Slippers, Dainty Gifts for Men, Women and Children

Men's Kid Romeo Slippers, with flexible turn soles; black or brown kid. A pair, **$4.00** and **$3.35**

Men's English Wool Slippers, with felt or leather soles, plain camel hair or plaid patterns **$2.50**

Men's Soft Leather Slippers with buckskin soles and rubber heels; black or brown. At **$1.50**

Women's Boudoir Slippers, of soft kid and suede, with buckskin soles and rubber heels; all colors, **$2.50, $2.00, $1.50** and **$1.35**

Women's Felt Juliet Slippers, fur-trimmed, and with leather soles and heels; all colors **$1.95**

Women's English Wool Slippers, with felt and leather soles, plain camel hair or plaid patterns **$1.95**

Children's Felt Strap Slippers, with buckskin soles; six colors; all sizes to 2. At, a pair **$1.00**

Children's English Wool Slippers, with felt and leather soles; ankle strap, plaid pattern. Sizes to 2 ..... **$1.00**

Children's Superior Felt Strap Slippers, with welted soles; all colors; sizes to 2. Pair **$1.35**

Gift News From Toyland

The Most Wonderful Department in the Store

Toyland this year is the Mecca of every boy and girl, for here are gifts shown in thousands, and with Santa and his ponies and the merry-go-round, there is no other place in the land so full of interest for the little ones.

Miniature Table Railways at **$2.75, $3.95** and **$10.75**

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Children's Stores, fitted with drawers, counter, etc. Regular $1.50, for ..... **85¢**

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Archarina, the 57-piece game, for **$6.75**

The "Hummer," comprising engine, tender, one car and 4-piece circular track, **$1.50**

Large Commercial Wagon, one only, body 18 x 36. in., 5½ inches deep, painted red with black lines, and mounted on iron wheels 15 inches high. Regular $15.00. Special **$9.98**

One Large Wagon, body 23 x 38 inches, 7 inches deep. Reg. $16.00, for **$10.98**

Solid Wood Animals, very strong—camels, bears, tigers, dogs, ducks and many others. Each ..... **79¢**

—Toyland

A Gift for Everyone in the Book and Stationery Dept.

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Midget Self-Filling Fountain Pens, suitable for a lady's purse ..... **98¢**

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Crepe Paper for Christmas decorations, a piece, **20¢** and ..... **15¢**

Crepe Streamers, red or green, at ..... **15¢**

Tinsel, a box ..... **50¢, 60¢** and ..... **75¢**

Christmas Tree Ornaments, a dozen, **50¢, $1.00, $1.50**

Two Big Values in Spencer's Upholstered Chesterfields

Chesterfields as manufactured in our own workroom are made to last. They are made by experienced workmen, the filling of the best, and lots of springs.

A Chesterfield with deep spring seat, back and arms, with hair filling and covered with excellent grade tapestry. The size is 6 ft. 9 in. over all. Big value for **$125.00**

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These will make handsome gifts for the home.

—Drapery, 2nd Floor

Christmas Gifts Awaiting You in the Drapery and Carpet Department

Hassocks, made of fine grade Wilton carpet. Each, **$2.95**

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Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long and 45 inches wide; made with plain centre and attractive border. At, a pair **$2.25**

Tapestry Portiere Curtains, brown or rose. Values to $10.00 for, a pair **$7.50**

Axminster Hearthrugs, choice designs, 27 x 54-inch. At **$5.90**

—Drapery Department, 2nd Floor

Children's Flannelette Pajamas $1.85 to $2.00

Striped Flannelette Pajamas, in two-piece styles; made of heavy grade material. The coat is finished with silk frogs, and the styles are suitable for boys or girls aged 8 to 14 years. Selling at ..... **$1.85** to **$2.00**

—Children's, 1st Floor

Children's Woolen Toques, Scarves and Capes—Dainty Gifts

Children's White and Colored Knitted Toques, finished with pompon on top; camel and white; for the ages of 4 to 10 years. At ..... **85¢** to **$1.00**

Children's All-Wool Knitted Capes, white or blue, trimmed with white, pink trimmed with white, and finished with collar, cord and tassel; for the ages of 5 to 8 ..... **$3.50**

Children's Scarves, camel, brown and white; finished with fringes and suitable for the ages of 6 to 12. At **$1.00** and **$1.95**

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Rogers' and Community Silverplated Knives in sets of six. Table or dessert size. A set **$2.50**

Silverplated Butter Dishes, complete with knife **$1.50**

Sliverplated Butter Dishes, Rogers' "Heirloom" plate. Each **$3.75, $4.50, $6.25**

Bonbon Dishes, Rogers' "Heirloom" plate. Priced at, each **$5.50**

Cut Glass individual salts and peppers, with sterling tops. A pair, **$2.00, $2.10** and **$2.25**

Children's Sets, knife, fork and spoon; "1847" Rogers'—a set **$3.00**

"1881" Rogers' ..... **$1.50** and **$2.00**

"Community" Plate at, a set **$3.50**

Cut Glass Open Salts with two silverplated spoons. At, a pair **$1.50**

Carving Sets, 2, 3 and 5-piece. Stainless and Sheffield steel. At ..... **$5.00** to **$45.00**

Silverplated Tea Sets, 3 pieces, teapot, sugar and cream. A set **$20.00**

Cut Glass Sugar and Creams, a pair ..... **95¢** to **$13.50**

Cut Glass Water Sets, jug and six glasses. At **$2.95** to **$25.00**

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